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Lloyds to bid £3.7bn for Midland

# Banking battle puts thousands of jobs at risk

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

THE future of 20,000 bank workers and the survival of Midland Bank as a high street name are in serious doubt as world

banking's biggest take-over battle begins.
Lloyds Bank, which yester-day said it would bid £3.7
billion for Midland provided
that it receives fair transment that it receives fair treatment from the EC and UK regulatory authorities, said that it would scrap the Midland name and reduce the combined number of branches by between 800 and 1,000 over four years. This could mean losing 20,000 jobs. Leaders of the Banking, In-

surance and Finance Union declared "total opposition" to a merger between Midland and Lloyds, which has shed 10.000 jobs over the past

The proposed terms, which

# INSIDE New debate over 11-plus

The debate over the return of the II-plus will intensify today when the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association considers if the government has a secret agenda for a return to selective education.

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# Messiaen dies

Olivier Messiaen, the avant-garde French composer who based some of his music on birdsong, has died, aged 83, after surgery in a Paris hospital.. Page 6 Obituary, page 15

# Pollution cost

Britain. America and other industrialised nations are to admit responsibility for the cost of cleaning up the world's pollution .... Page 2

# Fraud alleged

Millions of stamps for overseas countries were printed in Britain with deliberate errors to increase their value to collectors, a court was told yesterday. The alleged fraud could have earned tens of millions of ...... Page 3

# Kabul return

Sibghatullah Mujadidi the Mujahidin guerrilla chief, took formal charge of Afghanistan yesterday, af-ter a triumphal entry into Kabul the capital, but the move was clouded by fresh

# FA acts

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Kenny Dalglish, the manager of Blackburn Rovers, and Kevin Keegan, of Newcastle United, have been charged with misconduct by the FA ..... Page 32

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came in place of the outright bid that some had expected. comfortably tops the £3.3 billion offer from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) which Midland had welcomed, but is hedged with conditions.

Sir Jeremy Morse, the Lloyds chairman, said that the main and most contentious is that Lloyds should receive similar treatment to HSBC from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or from Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner. The request conjures up the possibility of another clash between Sir Leon and Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry secretary, who last locked horns over the West-

Sir Leon is investigating the HSBC bid and may not take kindly to handing it down to the trade and indusmore likely yesterday that he would want to rule on the Lloyds bid, which might upset Mr Heseltine, given that the merger would have little implication outside the UK.

Sir Peter Walters, the chairman of Midland, said: "Lloyds has now brought up the main issue, which we have had in mind for three months. Any merger of the big clearers must go to the MMC." He added: "There is the question whether society is ready for the cutback in services that would be en-tailed." A monopolies reference would leave Midland in an unwelcome period of lim-

Sir Jeremy said that his proposed offer would have "substantially greater attractions for customers, staff and shareholders", even though a merger would lead to between 800 and 1,000 branch closures and 20,000 job losses over the next ten years. Job losses in the banking industry

### were inevitable whatever the outcome, he said. His chief executive, Brian Pitman, pre-dicts that the number of bank and building society branches in Britain will halve to about 10,000 over the next ten years. Lloyds and Midland have just under 3,750 branches between them, before any closures, compared with Barclays' 2,500 and NatWest's 2,800.

William Purves, chairman of HSBC Holdings, the Hong Kong bank parent, in-dicated that he would not give up his quest for Midland without a fight. He said the Lloyds offer would involve reduced competition.

The Lloyds terms of one Lloyds share and 30p cash for every Midland share value each Midland unit at 457p, compared to the 401p on the table from HSBC. Mr Purves said: "HSBC Holdings has proposed a merger which can be consummated in a relatively short period of time; Lioyds' proposal is beset by difficulties and delays. HSBC Holdings' offer gives rise to no issues of competition.

Lloyds' proposal does so."
Lloyds believes a merger with Midland would save over £700 million a year within four years but says that there would be a one-off cost of £550 million. Shrewder voices speak of the vulnerability of Lloyds should the Hongkong bid succeed. It would be a definite fourth among the big four. The combined group, of a similar size to Barciays and NarWest, would have a larger network with a better spread of branches and would produce

savings to contain prices. It would also mean a reinforced commitment to the small business sector, where the combined bank would have around 30 per cent market share. "Small business has not been well-served by the system," said Sir Jeremy. However, the prospect of Lloyds taking over Midland was given a cool reception at the Institute of Directors' an-

nual convention. In Hong Kong, HSBC Holdings share price soared HK\$2.50 to HK\$45 after brokers heard the news of Lloyds' intentions. Most analysts thought Hongkong bank would be out of the race. The shares fell back to HK\$42.75 after HSBC's anouncement that it had not-ed Lloyds' position and was considering its own.

# Major sees light ahead

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major yesterday predicted a new era of prosperity in the Nineties when he gave his most confident forecast

that recovery is under way. The prime minister used his first speech since his election victory to declare that inflation was falling, unem-ployment likely to decline, and industrial and consumer confidence growing.

Mr Major, who throughout

the election had predicted that recovery would begin once confidence was restored,

went out of his way to praise the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was criticised dur-

ing the campaign.

He told the Institute of Directors: "I believe that Norman Lamont has done an outstanding job for Britain, not only in his latest Budget. but over the last difficult year and a half. Never taking the easy road but always the right one. And rarely getting the credit for it."



Portrait of the artist: Francis Bacon in his South Kensington studio standing against the door on which he would try out colours for his canvases

# nith the big favourite in straight fight with Gould

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith appeared to be poised for a runaway victory in the Labour leadership race last night after it was announced that 162 of the party's MPs had backed him for

the election on July 18. He will be in a straight fight with Bryan Gould, who secured 63 nominations from Labour's 271-strong parlia-

mentary party.

A much closer battle is in prospect for the deputy lead-ership contest. There will be a three-cornered contest involving Margaret Beckett, who secured 89 nominations, Mr Gould, who won 69, and John Prescott, with 64.

The nominations closed amid renewed bitterness last night as Mr Gould launched an attack on the rules of the contest, and the behaviour of some of his rivals. He said that the life of the Labour party had taken on the atmo-

sphere of "low farce". The two hard-left contenders, Ken Livingstone and Bernie Grant, failed to get sufficient votes to stand for the leadership and deputy leadership contests respectively, and stone achieved just 13 nominations and Mr Grant 15, suggesting that the parlia-mentary far left is now little more than a rump.

Earlier Ann Clwyd, Labour's development spokesman, had pulled out of the deputy contest after her supporters started peeling away to back either Mr Gould or Road to recovery, page 17 Mr Prescort, who had been

Parents struggle to spread school fee load

believed to be struggling to reached the 55 vote

threshold. The clear majority for Mr Smith in the 30 per cent PLP section of the electoral college is likely to be mirrored in the 40 per cent trade union section. The race may be closer in the 30 per cent party mem-

Mr Gould plans to hold big public meetings in every re-gion, giving party members the opportunity to take part in an inquest on the election defeat. Mr Smith's campaign manager. Robin Cook, said last night that his success in winning a clear majority of Labour MPs behind him was a "tremendous tribute to his strength as a performer in

parliament by the colleagues who have seen him in action". Later this week Mr Smith will launch his campaign in the country with the publication of his manifesto

Mr Prescott and Mrs Beckett said they were delighted with the result. Mr Prescont said: "I now have an opportu nity to put the case for a new role for the deputy leader in modernising the party. I am confident the party will respond and I am looking for-

ward to the campaign."

Mrs Beckett said: "I am extremely pleased that a majority of my colleagues have decided to nominate me."

Party bitterness, page 2 Leading article, page 13

# Short makes history with Karpov defeat

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT NIGEL Short last night be-

came the first British player to reach the final of the World Chess Championship qualifying competition. He defeated Anatoly Karpov in the last game of their semi-final in Spain and could go on to challenge Gary Kasparov in Los Angeles next year for the world championship. Short needed a win or a

draw in the tenth game of the semi-final. a result ensured when Karpov resigned on the 41st move. This gave Short a convincing win by six points

In the final he will meet the Dutchman, Jan Timman, who defeated Artur Yusupov. game. Timman won the match by six points to four. Short's win establishes him

as the greatest British player in the history of the game. Timman is not in the league of Karpov, who held the world title ten times, and

> are described in a fascinating book, "Good English the Language of Success". sent free on request. Respect Many people do not realise how much they could influ-

yours to command! A

# World of art pays tribute to Bacon

BY NICHOLAS WATT

FRANCIS Bacon, hailed as one of Britain's greatest painters, died yesterday morning in a Madrid hospiial following a heart attack. His London agent said his body would be flown to Britain for burial.

Bacon, 82, was described esterday as the greatest British painter since Turner. Born in Dublin in 1909 he started painting in 1929 and was entirely self-taught. He destroyed nearly all his earlier works but by the end of his career his paintings commanded some of the highest prices on the world art market. A triptych recently sold in New York for £3.9 million.

The first test of the value of his works, which are certain to rise following his death, will come at a Christie's sale in London on July 2, when a portrait of one of Bacon's regular models comes up for auction. It has been valued at between £180,000 and £220,000 and Christie's anticipates strong interest.

Bacon, who once turned down a knighthood, usually focused his art on the themes of sex and death. His work could be shocking and some regarded it as obscene.

Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery, which presented Bacon's retrospective exhibitions of 1962 and 1985, said: "Francis Bacon was not only the greatest British painter of his generation. he was also internationally recognised as one of the outstanding artists of the postwar era. His art stands in the great tradition of Western painting, addressing central themes of human existence in compositions grand in con-ception, rich in colour and powerful in presence."

From today the gallery is displaying Bacon's Second Version of Trippych 1944, painted in 1988, which he gave to the gallery. The original triptych of 1944 will be shown at the same time. Lord Cowrie, the former

arts minister and chairman of Sotheby's, said: "He was the greatest living painter and the greatest British painter since Turner." The artist Howard Hodg-

kin said: "He was undoubtedly a hero of English painting Continued on page 16, col l

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Women who were sent to the Gulf found it a lonely fight on two fronts Life & Times Page I

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It is a lonely craft but writers like John Mortimer endure the festival circuit Life & Times

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PUPIL numbers in independent schools fell last year for the first time in nine years, as the recession combined with fee increases well ahead of inflation.

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA

**EDUCATION REPORTER** 

The Independent Schools Information Service's (Isis) annual census showed a decline of 0.2 per cent, from 471.557 pupils in January 1991 to 470,492 a year later. The number of full boarding boys fell by 4.7 per cent, compared to a 2.8 per cent decline among girls. The number of children receiving

help with fees rose by 6.4 per cent. Fees rose by an average of 12 per cent, slightly less than the previous year. Many parents have sought credit from schools or direct debit arrangements to

help to spread the load. Isis launched a loan package yester-day to assist prospective fee-payers. David Woodhead, its national director. said that the dip in numbers was not as severe as had been expected and the number of day pupils had risen by more than 3,000. Although 73 independent schools had closed since the beginning of last year, 76 had opened.

"Independent schools are showing a remarkable resilience in the face of widespread evidence of financial difficulties suffered by parents," he said. We often claim that education is the last item to be cut when the family budget gets into difficulties. This year's figures demonstrate graphically the truth of that statement.

Further staff redundancies at independent schools cannot be ruled out. The Rev Dominic Milroy, headmaster of Ampleforth College, North Yorkshire, and chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, said that schools would have to take whatever measures were necessary. They could no longer rely on long waiting lists to fill their places, as more

parents postponed their decisions until the last minute.
Private schools are being challenged

by City Technology Colleges and the growing grant-maintained sector. "If the intention of the government is to enhance choice and raise standards. and the effect is to subject the independent sector to competition, that is something for which the nation should rejoice." Father Milroy said. Competition is likely to increase as

results of national curriculum tests are published. Elizabeth Diggory, president of the Girls' Schools Association and headmistress of St Albans High School for Girls, said that all private schools would eventually take part in the tests. "We don't want to lose the independence that is right for our schools, but we see no reason not to do the tests."

Goodbye to all that, page 12

TO SUPPORT

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DEPENDANTS

blame for

polluting

the planet

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

to American voters.

ved in Washington yesterday,

is expected to seek room to

manoeuvre. The sixth and

final round of talks on a

convention on climatic

change covering greenhouse gases starts in New York this

week. To maintain his lever-

age, Mr Bush is likely to wait

The G77 countries, who

will announce their confer-

ence position at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur today, have

asserted all along that as the North's legacy of pollution

and present consumption of

natural resources are so much

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politically explicit, and at the highest level. John Major,

President Bush if he attends.

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other world leaders will set

The document, unani-

mously agreed by officials and to be formally agreed by

heads of government at Rio,

makes it clear that although

there must be a global part-

nership to "conserve, protect and restore" the Earth's eco-

system, states have "differen-tiated responsibilities" in do-

It goes on: "The developed

countries accept responsibil-ity that they bear in the inter-national pursuit of sus-

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Koy Thomson, secretary of

the UK committee of the UN

Environment Programme

and a member of the British

delegation, said: "This is the

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BRITAIN, America and oth-

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to admit formally their re-

sponsibility for causing most

of the world's pollution and for bearing the main burden

of cleaning it up.

Their pledge will be contained in the declaration of

the United Nations Earth Summit, to be held in Rio de

Janeiro in June. The declaration, conceived by Maurice

Strong, the conference secre-

tary, as an inspirational

'Earth Charter" about com-

mon stewardship of the plan-

et, has been transformed by

the developing countries, known in the UN as the Group of 77, into a highly charged political manifesto.

At their insistence the

name Earth Charter has been dropped, and the document

is now named simply the Rio declaration. Much of the

G77's agenda is reflected in it the declaration in its 27

principles barely touches

upon the population ques-

tion, which is dealt with in

three words, "appropriate de-

its new focus is deter-minedly on people and pover-

ty rather than the Earth itself.

vividly reflecting the tension

between the rich North and

the poor South about who should pay to put the world

on economic growth that no

longer threatens the global

environment with destruc-

tion. There are no references

The Bush administration

had serious reservations

about the draft declaration,

unlikely to determine whether

President Bush undermines

the Rio summit by staying

away. Washington has

broadly accepted that indus-

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There has been much no

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cent interest in the media over

the proposals by the Com-

mercial Bar Association that

judges of the commercial

court should give up wearing

wigs, when sitting in court.

Lord Taylor said vesterday He said he wished to make

it known that any question of

discarding wigs was "for the

Judges' Council to consider"

Should it do so, he added, it

would undoubtedly examine

the issue in depth and take

many soundings before ex-

Yesterday, another of the most senior judges. Lord Donaldson, Master of the

Rolls, said he would like to throw the debate wider and find out the views of the pub-

lic before reaching any decision. He added that he did

not see any urgent case for discarding something which

has been out of date for as

least a century."

But he said: "It may well be

that the occasion will come

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see real objections to having two categories of advocates

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BY TIM JONES

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A Roman Catholic woman who often helped sick Protestants was shot dead by the Loyalist Lilster Freedom Fighters in west Belfast

Woman

killed by

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gunman

Philomena Hanna. 26. from the Ballymurphy area of the city, had two daughters, one aged 17 months. She was shot in the head as she worked behing the counter in a pharmacy on the Springfield Road. The gunman who killed her escaped with a accomplice on a motorcycle.

The UFF said that Mrs Hanna was a sister of Richard McAuley, an official in Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. This was denied by Mr McAuley.
Alastair McDonnell, a GP

who knew Mrs Hanna, said: "She was an angel of mercy, very caring, very good. A lot of people would have been too frightened to deliver prescriptions into the Shankill. But she was a very decent, open, honest soul who held no corner for any bigotry. She was kind and generous, and suddenly she pays the price."

## Teacher jailed for assaults

A religious education teacher who sexually assaulted three schoolgirls in his class has been jailed for two and a half years. Trevor Robinson, 38, of Bearwood, Birmingham, preyed on the adolescents' 'crush" on him, Judge James Pyke told Wolverhampton

Crown Court. Robinson had sex weekly for nearly two years with a girl aged 14, fondled another during a school trip and indecently assaulted a third girl in his classroom. He was found guilty of six of seven charges of indecent assault, all of which he had denied.

# Ban imposed on beekeepers

The movement of bees and hive frames into or out of southern England has been the spread of a blood-sucking parasite that kills bee colonies if they are not treated.

All beekeepers were urged by the agriculture ministry yesterday to test for Varroa jacobsoni. In the past week, the number of apiaries reporting infection had risen from 44 to 65, 40 of them in Devon, 13 in Somerset, four on the Isle of Wight, two in Hampshire and six in Surrey, David Curry, junior agricul-

# Sunday title

David Sullivan, publisher of the Sunday Sport and Daily Sport newspapers, announced the launch of a "clean" family Sunday newspaper. The Sunday News and Echo will have no pictures of topless girls or advertise-ments for 0898 "adult" phone lines. It will be launched in the autumn in the North. Mr Sullivan plans to expand it nationally, aimed at readers between the Sunday Express and The Mail on Sunday, and the Sunday

# Rear Window

Life and Times today contains a review of a Channel 4 programme, Rear Window, which was replaced last night Leading article, page 13 | by a tribute to Francis Bacon.



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Priceless losses: the shell of the mansion owned by Anthony Oppenheimer, below, where paintings and furniture were destroyed



VOTERS will turn to the

Liberal Democrats in next

month's council elections out

of guilt at having supported

the Tories in the general elec-tion. Paddy Ashdown predict-

"I have a vision of the people of Britain going to the polling booths on April 9 with

their coat collars turned up,

furtively to vote for the Con-

servatives. I think they will now allow themselves to cast

the votes they really wanted to

cast then and couldn't for fear

of Labour," Mr Ashdown

said at the launch of his par-

ty's campaign.
The Liberal Democrat

leader sought to hide disap-

pointment at his party's gen-

eral election showing and

insisted that it was on a "ris-

ing curve" while Labour was

Mr Ashdown's bullish out-

look was underpinned by par-

on the slide.

Fire wrecks Oppenheimer home BY ALISON ROBERTS

THE £2 million mansion owned by Anthony Oppenheimer, the heir to the Oppenheimer diamond fortune, has been severely damaged by fire.

More than 60 fire fighters battled to control flames which gutted Adbury House, the 18th century home built for Sir Richard Arkwright, the industrial pioneer and

Council elections

Ashdown woos 'guilt' voters

By Nicholas Wood, Political correspondent

ty strategists who predicted about 50 gains in the May 7

poll. The elections cover all the seats in 53 Scottish dis-

trict councils, a third of the

seats in all 36 metropolitan councils and a third of the

seats in 110 of the 296 dis-trict councils in England.

Andrew Stunell, political

secretary of the Association of

Liberal Democrat Council-

lors, said that the party ex-

councillors to a record of

He identified Harrogate in

North Yorkshire, Colchester, Essex, Tandridge, Surrey,

Winchester, Hampshire, and

Bath, as towns where the par-

ty expected to make headway

Simon Hughes, the Liberal

Democrat environment

spokesman, predicted that a

wave of remorse over the re-

election of a Tory government

would work to his party's

advantage."People may well

respond to the general elec-tion result and the knowledge

that the Tories don't like local

government and won't give

local government the money

it needs by entrusting us with

the responsibility of trying to get the best out of a bad lot."

Mr Hughes unveiled his party's local government

manifesto, Action for the Dis-tricts, which promises to "end

town hall dictatorships", im-

prove value for money and

give a higher priority to pro-tecting the environment.

Objectors would be allowed

to speak at council planning

meetings and local democra-

cy would be strengthened by ensuring a fair balance of

and possibly take control.

more than 3,800.

inventor of a spinning machine. Police sifted through the rubble yesterday searching for the cause of the fire. A spokesman said they had ruled out arson. No one

was hurt, but valuable paintings and furniture were destroyed and a pet dog died. Mr Oppenheimer and his wife, Antoinette, returned to Adbury House, surrounded by 48 acres of land at Burghelere, near Basing-

lapsed and their belongings were destroyed. A fire service spokesman said: "There were ten fire engines at the scene along with an hydraulic platform and oxygen masks for the

firemen. It took five and a half hours to bring the flames under control." Mr

day night to find flames

coming out of the roof. They

looked on as the roof col-

firefighters who pumped water from swimming pools. ponds and streams. "So many priceless things

this kind of contest." M:

Gould's anger was clearly di-

rected at both the Smith and

Prescott camps, which had questioned his level of sup-

The shadow environmen

secretary predicted that his

support through the Labour

movement would increase

from the technical ballot rules

and get onto the issues of the

42 pledges of support from MPs, but they had been peel-

ing away since Monday

Ms Clwyd's pledges were clearly more likely to go to Mr Prescott or Mr Gould, who

were believed to be in need of

help, but she complicated matters further by saying that

she would now be supporting

Throughout yesterday af-ternoon there was a steady

stream of Labour MPs

changing their earlier

Mrs Beckett.

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port over recent days.

were lost that we will never replace. I understand that there was a lot of thick choking smoke before the place erupted in flames. But we hope we can save the structure and will not have to rebuild it from scratch." he

battle intensifies, writes Philip Webster

BITTERNESS and confusion continued to dog the Labour leadership contest yesterday as nominations closed leaving John Smith and Bryan Gould in the lead-

acted angrily to suggestions, which they alleged had been spread by the Smith camp, that he would only get the 55 Smith had released backers to him to ensure that there

would be a contest. We had the votes we needed irrespective of any support from that camp. They can back us if they like. We can-

"If it is seriously suggested

tees and appointments to out side bodies, he said. Layers of secrecy surrounding council business would be peeled back and power would be devolved to new neighbour-hood committees of local

strong contrast to Labour yes-terday when Bryan Gould risked a clash with John Smith, his rival for the Labthe abolition of a Treasury rule blocking the release of £6 billion for building new coun-

Shortly before the election, Labour's shadow Chancellor forced Clive Soley, the party's housing spokesman, to drop a claim that he had won shadow cabinet approval for a change in Treasury accounting procedures, which would exclude the £6 billion from the public sector borrowing requirement.

However, Mr Gould, Labour's environment spokesman, speaking at a Westminster press conference, yesterday backed Mr Soley by saying that it was time to scrap the rule and help the homeless and the construction industry through the phased release of capital receipts from the sale of council houses and land.

which prevents us from doing what everybody agrees is common sense, we should take this opportunity, given that we are now four or five years away from putting a programme to the British people, of having another look at that arcane rule."

# Bitter claims dominate contest

Bryan Gould's camp is making allegations of dirty tricks as the Labour leadership

ership fight, and Margaret Beckett, John Prescott and Mr Gould vying for the depu-

in winning sufficient nominations for both posts, referred at a press conference last night to an "atmosphere of low farce." His remarks came after another day of allega-tions of "dirty tricks" being

not stop them, but we had winning the required number

"I only regret that my rivals book that did not allow for

### Earlier in the day there was further confusion as Ann Clwyd. Labour's development spokeswoman, pulled out of the contest saying she wanted to give people who had backed her the opportunity to Mr Gould's supporters renominate someone else. She said she had secured

votes needed because Mr

enough in any case," he said.

Mr Gould's irritation became apparent last night when he said that he had been confident all along of

have spent the last week not engaging in the debate we need but proclaiming how much support they think I have or exacerbating the party's difficulties with a rule

# opinion on council commit-Cash shortage forces BR to halt new train orders

NO TRAINS will be built in Britain for five years because of insufficient funds to expand British Rail's long term investment programme, a senior rail of-ficial said yesterday.

The absence of new rolling stock orders during the period will severely affect Britain's rolling stock man-ufacturers which have given warning that they will go out of business without them. Such a freeze on orders is unprecedented since the nationalisation of the railways in 1948.

Work on two key rolling stock projects, the proposed InterCity 250 trains for the west coast main line between London and Glasgow, and the 1,500 new Networker coaches for Network SouthEast's and Kent Coast Services, have been postponed indefinitely because of a lack of money. Plans to begin work on the proposed £1 billion dev-

elopment of London's second Channel Tunnel terminal at King's Cross, and the proposed £4.5 billion Channel tunnel high speed rail link between London and Folkestone, have also been deferred until the next fiveyear period, BR said. Limited improvements will be made on the west coast mainline to track and signalling modifications but there will not be enough

money to improve speeds from 125mph to 140mph by relaying track to take out haro curves. BR said that it would have needed an extra £7 billion to start work on all four flagship projects. Because of falling income from fares and property sales, and government spending limits, there was little prospect of

proceeding with all four The projects were the

backbone of Future Rail, the

planning document re-

leased last year by Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, setting out the minimum investment needed by the national rail network to provide passengers with an adequate service. BR is investing more than

El billion a year in maintaining and upgrading the rail network, the highest level of investments for 30 years. In spite of increased government funds, however, current support is insufficient to compensate for the effects of the recession and to give BR the additional resources needed to improve the railways.

It is understood that during his first meeting yesterday with John MacGregor. the new transport secretary, Sir Bob made clear his determination to press the case for the extra funds needed to implement the four projects before the current five-year planning period expires in 1997.

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printed with deliberate errors

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lectors, a court was told yes-

terday. The fraud could have

earned the seven men in-

volved tens of millions of

pounds if all the stamps fea-

tured in ten sample charges

The defendants were ac-

cused of using printing and dealing firms which they owned or with which they had

connections to distribute the

stamps, which were adver-

tised for sale at top prices because of their supposed

Michael Worsley, for the

prosecution, told Southwark

Crown Court, south London,

that the stamps had mis-

Wigs to

stay on

for now

Judges yesterday

referred the vexed

question of legal

wigs to a higher

court, writes

Frances Gibb

JUDGES and barristers who

for a minute felt the draughty

wind of change blowing

under their wigs can relax for

the time being. The judges of the commercial court, who

had threatened to dispense

with the 200-year-old tradi-

tion of wearing horsehair head dress, decided yesterday

that wigs were too hot an

that any decision to dispense with wigs should be made by

all 55 Queen's Bench division

judges, of which they are a

part, and by the senior judges

who make up the Judges'

Council under the new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor.

Evans, who heads the com-

mercial court judges, said

that nine out of the ten com-mercial court judges had at-

tended the meeting, which lasted for 45 minutes. "It was

their unanimous view that this should be decided by all the judges. I think they felt it

was too big an issue for them

to sit in splendid isolation."

A heated debate may ensue.

Views are clearly divided. Lord Taylor, who wants to consult the judiciary before

any change, has already made clear his view in favour

There has been much re-

cent interest in the media over

the proposals by the Commercial Bar Association that

judges of the commercial

court should give up wearing

Lord Taylor said yesterday. He said he wished to make

it known that any question of discarding wigs was "for the

Judges' Council to consider"

Should it do so, he added, it

would undoubtedly examine

the issue in depth and take

many soundings before ex-

Yesterday, another of the

most senior judges, Lord Donaldson, Master of the

Rolls, said he would like to

throw the debate wider and find out the views of the pub-

lic before reaching any deci-sion. He added that he did

not see any urgent case for

"discarding something which

has been out of date for at

But he said: "It may well be

least a century.

pressing any view."

wigs, when sitting in court,

the derk said.

gal profession."

The clerk to Mr. Justice

They unanimously agreed

issue too handle.

had been sold.

Men deny printing

stamps with errors

in fraud operation

placed watermarks, missing

colours and other deliberate

mistakes. "What the stamp

collecting public thought

were rare errors were in fact

being printed deliberately by

Mr Worsley said that the stamps were Colonial govern-ment issues printed at For-

mat Security Printing of south London, run by Freder-

ick Hughes, Brian Pillinger

and Clive Feigenbaum. The printer received the commis-sion through two philatelic agencies, PDC in Hamp-

shire, which was owned by Mr Feigenbaum, and Cafco of Sutton, south London.

Mr Feigenbaum, 51, of

Harrow on the Hill, north-

west London, denies one

Memorial

day upsets

Cologne

By MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE mayor of Cologne has written to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother complaining about the date of the

unveiling next month of a

stame in London of Sir Ar-

thur "Bomber" Harris, com-

mander-in-chief of the

wartime Bomber Command.

Norbert Burger, the Ger-

man mayor, protested that it was on this day 50 years ago

that Cologne was bombed,

killing nearly 500 people and

destroying 100,000 homes. In his letter to the Queen

Mother who, as patron of the

Bomber Command Associ-

ation, will unveil the statue on May 31, he said: "You will

understand that I find it polit-

ically and morally tactless to-

wards the victims that this of

all dates has been chosen."

He appealed for her not to

attend the unveiling.

A reply from Clarence
House said: "I am to assure

you that the date for the

unveiling of the statue was

not selected for any particular

printers in London."

charge of fraudulent trading,

three of conspiracy to use false instruments and three of

conspiracy to defraud. Ron-

ald Grover, 58, of Beautieu,

Hampshire, denies a total of

three charges including aid-ing and abetting fraudulent

trading, conspiracy to use

false instruments and con-

spiracy to defraud. Mr Hughes, of Thornton Heath, south London, denies one

charge of fraudulent trading.

two of using false instruments

and two of conspiracy to de-fraud. Aart Lagerwaard, 45, of Southampton, denies one

charge of aiding and abetting

fraudulent trading, two

charges of conspiracy to use a false instrument and two of

conspiracy to defraud. Ron-

ald Wallen, 46, of West End,

Southampton, Mr Pillinger, of Almondsbury, Bristol, and John Smith, 39, of New Mal-

deny three charges of aiding and aberting fraudulent trad-ing, conspiracy to use a false instrument and conspiracy to

defraud. Mr Worsley said many of

the stamps were sent to a dealer in Clifton, Bristol, of

which Mr Feigenbaum was a

director and Mr Grover a major shareholder. Others

went to another Feigenbaum company. London and New York, which had a warehouse

in the East End, from which

police recovered stamps and

instructions to the printers.

Some stamps produced to mark the 40th wedding anni-

versay of the Queen were

printed with an inverted pic-

ture while others failed to

include perforations. An extra 5,000 sheets of stamps

marking the Duke of York's

wedding were printed for Be-

lize without perforations. A

set marking the wedding of the Prince and Princess of

Wales increased in value from

E7.50 to E70 because it was

Genuine printing mistakes were supposed to be de-

stroyed. Mr Worsley said. "When occasionally an error

does occur in printing and even the checkers miss it, the

stamps acquire a rarity value in the hands of collectors."

marked as a specimen.

# Woman killed by Loyalist gunman

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Welsh too shy to admit who's who release as "probably one of the most important books to be published in

able for odd jobs when not selling

Launching the book yesterday. David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, noted that fewer than 10 per cent of the entries were women. "I cannot under-stand why this is so," he said. "Wales is full of talented women and it is impor-

Mr Hunt said that the Welsh Office would be making a special effort to increase the number of women on public bodies in the principality from the present level of 17 per cent to a target of 30 per cent by 1996.

Mr Davies said that VIP Wales could be picked up and read for five minutes or five hours. He asked Welsh people who might not realise that they were famous to contact him for inclusion in the next edition.

His quest for names could be aided

Fond memories: Sue Upton, centre, a former Hill's Angel, and Henry McGee, left, his straight man

# Fans bid farewell to Benny Hill with laughter in the rain

TWO ELDERLY women held hands in the rain and threw a small posy of flowers on Benny Hill's coffin yes-terday as the comedian was buried next to his parents at Hollybrook cemetery in

They had waited patiently through a hailstorm for the comedian's friends and family to pay their last respects. Nora Reynolds, 83, from Andover, Hampshire, wiped the raindrops from her nose and said: "Benny would have loved this. All these people dressed up smart getting a soaking, hair all plastered and chins all

dripping."
Henry McGee, the television comedian's long-time suave straight man, agreed: "Absolutely perfect weather, Ben would have enjoyed the deluge hugely. In fact, we

for the show not so long ago. We were gravediggers and every time we tried to dig we

struck oil and got soaked." Hundreds of fans gathered at the cemetery hours before the funeral service. Three stout ladies took over a bench next to the Hill family plot where the comedian was to be buried later. "He's picked a nice spot," said one. "Cheese and pickle?" asked her companion, unwrapping a sandwich from

grease-proof paper. Ronald Porter, 63. met Mr Hill 40 years ago when the comedian was a Southampton milkman. Those days were the inspiration for Ernie, fastest milkman in the west. He delivered to the building site where I worked and all you had to do was look at him and you'd be laughing. The peak on his and he always had a cheeky. mischievous expression on his chubby face like he was laughing at you." By the time the celebrities

arrived the lans had been confined behind crowd control barriers. A policeman said: "They say Michael Jackson, Clint Eastwood and Burt Reynolds are coming. I don't believe it myself, but we can't take any risks."
The bouquets preceded

the funeral cortege. There was a huge bunch of flowers from former colleagues at Thames Television, the station which dropped his series for alleged sexism in the late eighties. Another display, sent by a former mem-ber of the Hill's Angels troupe of scantily clad dancing girls, said: "Your exit leaves a gap in our lives that no one will ever fill. You will

always be in our hearts."

vited mourners. Mr Hill an agnostic, had not wanted religious pomp and circumstance. But the congrega-tion sang "The Day Thou Gave Us Lord Is Ended" and "Now Thank We All Our As the service ended and

in the cemetery chapel was attended by about 200 in-

the hail clouds opened, Maud Simpkins, 89, sat on a bench by the grave and cried. "I've been a widow so long. Benny gave me such a laugh when he came on. When you're old and alone that's the greatest gift any-

one can give you."
Nicholas Parsons, the television celebrity, said Mr Hill was more than a great comic. "He was a lovely man and a British institution. Some fans in Southampton plan to petition the city council for a permanent

# **Nurses say** the law must help prostitutes

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PROSTITUTES need greater legal protection and tolerance it their health is to be protected and the spread of HIV and Aids prevented.

nurses said yesterday The annual congress of the Royal College of Nursing, meeting in Blackpool, stopped short of calling for brothels to be legalised. Evidence from abroad suggests that such action does not reduce the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases. Demse Barnett, research fellow at the Anglia Polyrechnic, Chelmsford, said.

However, the congress heard how aspects of the law on prostitution increase the risks to women and their elients. Women found carrying large numbers of condoms may be charged with prostitu-tion by the police without any evidence that they were lottering, Chuck Dowling, a charge nurse at the sexually transmitted disease clinic ar the Royal London Trust Flospital, said, "So women ignore the advice we are giving on avoiding unprotected sex."

Mr Dowling said that pros-titutes were at risk of violence and rupe. "The health problems they suffer include trauma from violent sex. Rape occurs but is barely recognised." However, because the law defines a brothel as a place where two or more prostitutes are working, they are discouraged from living together because of their own protection.

Ms Barnett said that a change was needed in the legal definition of a brothel. 'It is very difficult for women to protect themselves if they can't work in pairs." She said that prostitutes were of-ten afraid of visiting health clinics because of the "stigma" they face and the discriminal ing attitudes of some health workers, including nurses". □ Nurses reaffirmed their opposition to the health service reforms. They defeated overwhelmingly a motion urging the council of the royal college to "declare its support for the aims of the NHS reforms" after delegates expressed fears of "commercialisation and competition" in the NHS

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# MPs demand national plan to protect coastline

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN needs a national strategy for its coastline, bedevilled by centuries of of shedding wigs and robes to "disarm a good deal of public misunderstanding of the leplanning confusion, says an all-party group of MPs. More than 30 government departments, quangos and other official bodies share responsibility for the coastal zone with local authorities, according to the House of Commons environment select



report calls for a co-ordinated coastal zone management scheme, to counter threats to the coast and help solve conflicts between coastal users. The report, which pointed-ly contradicts the assertion by committee, which in a new government witnesses to the committee that present arrangements are working well, was applauded by environ-

mental pressure groups, in particular the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. The Marine Conservation Society said that the report was most significant. ☐ Millions of waterfowi are under threat from increasing damage to the country's estu-

aries, the RSPB says (Kerry

Gill writes).
An investigation of 126 estuaries found that almost half faced permanent damage, mainly from pollution, marina developments, land recla-mation and expanding ports. Other threats to many rare bird species included activities ranging from bait dig-ging to cockle fishing. The RSPB report said that 57

More than two million waterfowl rely on the UK's estuaries for feeding and roosting in winter, the society says. One problem is that some estuaries are covered by several councils making planning almost impossible. The society wants to make it a statutory duty for councils to work



### that the occasion will come when solicitors are granted rights of audience and I can see real objections to having two categories of advocates' - one with wigs and one

BY TIM JONES

JONES the spy would be disappointed with the first edition of VIP Wales, the principality's answer to Who's Who. for its author admitted yesterday that many prominent people are not included in the leather-bound publication because he has been unable to trace

their addresses. Chris Davies also admitted that others who should have been immortalised had not bothered to reply to his questionnaires. Anthony Hopkins, the recent Oscar winner, is, of course, excluded, as is Max Boyce, the man who wrote Hymns and Arias, which has become the nation's unofficial nat-

The book described in the press

Wales for many years", contains 1,700 entries and is good on academics and clergymen. It is also, as one would expect, good on Joneses, listing 89 of them, with Davieses and Williamses grasning the silver and because and silver a grasping the silver and bronze medals. One Jones. Terry, of Monty Python fame, says in his entry that he is avail-

ladies' underwear in his spare time. tant that we give them as much promi-

on Friday, which has been named In-ternational Jones Day to coincide with the opening at Ebbw Vale of the Garden Festival of Wales. People bearing the illustrious surname will be treated as VIPs. Don't be killed in the

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The widow of an arcruiting sergean; sho by the Irish National tion Army was give absolute discharge veafter admining bigam Dawn Kent, 20, of Derbyshire, was man Michael Newman, 34 was killed in Derby this month. She bigar married Robert Kent in ton, Derbyshire. II magistrates were told Adrian Crowther, fo defence, said that Ker suffered the anguish Newman's death and ! of telling their day Danielle, about it.

Rugby trial Gary Rees. 31. a fee England right playe Kegworth. Leicester was sent for trial by S magistrates.

magistrates, Surrey, chi with assaulting Stefan A captain of London Irish Widow kille Lady Bottomley, 91, of ( Kingshill, Buckingham

died in a car crash at Ho Green. She was the wid Sir Norman Bottomle, former Air Chief Marsh Man crusher

Trevor Black, 49, of Sit bourne, Kent, died afte head was crushed bet the hydraulic tailgate an side of a hired lorry. Warren fine

The boxing promoter F Warren was fined ET Beaconsfield magistr Buckinghamshire, for ing at 96mph on the M2 Chapel of res A Methodist chapel Trealaw, Mid Giamor has been moved to Japan

rebuilt as a golf dubhous

Travel firms ignore warnings after Sahara bandit raids

By LOUISE HIDALGO

TOUR operators organising overland trips across Africa are concerned that less scrupulous companies may be taking groups of travellers across the Algeria-Mali border in spite of Foreign Office warnings to avoid the area and reports of tourists being

ambushed and assaulted. A group of 86 tourists, among them some British, was reportedly attacked by armed bandits earlier this month in the latest of a series of incidents involving foreign travellers crossing on the Sa-haran desert road from Alge-

ria into northern Mali.

A group of 20 bandits armed with AK-47 rifles and pistols stopped the seven-vehicle convoy after it passed through the Algerian border town of Bordj Mokhtar into Mali. Passengers were striptaken, and some of the trucks.

including one a group of students was taking to a chilwere stolen. There were reports that some of the women travellers may have been sex-

A German couple and their child are believed to have been kidnapped a month ago before being dumped 25 miles from the nearest village. Another group of Germans reported being put through mock executions and a woman tourist having been

The larger tour operators have reacted by transporting travellers by air rather than by land across the desert triangle between southern Algeria, Mali and Niger where the Tuareg rebels were fighting for autonomy from the Mali government. Trucks meet

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them on the other side to continue the journey

There are fears that some smaller companies may be ignoring Foreign Office advice to travellers to avoid the border region, and are persisting in taking tourists by track into porthern Meli truck into northern Mali.

"There do seem to be some people selling tours to the public with the intention of driving them through an area of the desert where there is a known problem," Martin Crabb, managing director of Guerba Expeditions, which stopped overland trips across the area at the end of last

year, said.
"It is a very expensive business, flying customers and relocating vehicles to pick them up at the other end. For the smaller operator, the choice can be between shutting down the operation or irresponsibly running the

Peter Newman, of Exodus Expeditions, said: "We have heard that some smaller comset (a town in southern Algeria) waiting to cross the

A spokesman for the Association of British Travel
Agents yesterday advised
people to defer plans to travel
to the area and seek advice

from the foreign office.

The Mali government agreed a ceasefire with the Tuaregs, a nomadic people, earlier this month after two years of fighting. The Foreign Office travellers' advisory service, issued as a primary not to ome travelers advisory service issued warnings not to travel from Algeria into Mali nor into neighbouring Niger in February.

There have been similar instances of armed bandis attacking tourists. The Foreign Office has warned for

eign Office has warned tourists to avoid the remoter areas of Kenya after bandits shot a guide and robbed 11 Austri-

THE government may have

avoided giving "the real costs" of the Trident subma-

rine programme by excluding

some of the development and

construction work from the

overall estimates, MPs on the

House of Commons defence

committee said yesterday.
The MPs said costs which

could have been attributed to

the Trident programme, such

as the development of the

pressurised water reactor,

PWR2, had been left out.

Without the "justification" provided by Trident, "a num-ber of projects ... would not have been undertaken at all,"

"It is our impression that

attribution of costs specifical-

ly to Trident may have erred on the low side, with the effect, intentional or not, of

understating the real costs of

the programme," they said.
The estimated cost of the Trident programme has fallen to
£10.5 billion at 1991-2

prices, representing a reduc-

The committee commented on the "gratifying and unusu-

al spectacle of a major de-

fence procurement pro-

the MPs said.

# **Dealers** want new car price enquiry BY KEVIN EASON

LEADERS of 13,000 motor dealers last night called on Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's competition commissioner, to reopen an enquiry into car prices which can be up to 40 per cent higher in Britain than in other European

The Retail Motor Industry Federation says that wholesale car prices should be made the same throughout the EC to end anomolies which allow carmakers to charge British buyers more.

A report ordered by Sir Leon and released today says that the huge price differ-ences are incontestable. It finds that in January last year, prices of some cars were up to 40 per cent more expen-sive in British showrooms than in seven other EC nations. Under existing EC rules, car price differences in Europe should not exceed 12 per cent over long periods or 18 per cent at any time.

However, a report pre-pared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission after an 18-month investigation found that there were no indications of "significant differbetween countries.

Sir Leon's report will anger manufacturers who believed that they were exonerated by the British report. They claim that wide regional variations and differences in specifications account for the price differences listed by EC

However, the federation said yesterday that discount-ed sales to big fleet customers were being subsidised by private motorists in Britain pay-ing higher prices and called for Sir Leon to reopen enquiries into car costs. Roger Smith, the federation's presi-dent, said in a letter to Sir Leon: "We believe that it is no longer acceptable that buyers in one member state should effectively subsidise prices for buyers elesswhere within the EC."

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

dent-related works projects

was "complicated by the system of dividing such costs into those directly attribut-able and those which might

have been required in any

There was concern, too,

over the delays and rising

costs of the submarines' tacti-

cal weapon system. Estimated costs had increased by 45

per cent, from £613 million in

1981 to £890 million. Design

deficiencies in the tactical

weapon system meant that HMS Vanguard, the first Tri-

dent boat, launched last month, might have to start sea trials in the autumn

"without a fully functional

command system".

The report said that the cost arising from the contin-

ued operation of Polaris,

which is to be replaced by

Trident in stages, would re-

main significant.
The MPs said the estimates

of the number of jobs created

or safeguarded by the Trident

programme had been drasti-

cally revised. The committee was told in 1980 that, in the

peak years, the Trident pro-



First day cover: Karen McCarthy and Jay Shree Kawa shelter from the rain as they show off two styles in a new range of clothing for Post Office Counters staff which will replace the traditional navy blue uniform

# Official totals may hide Tourists put fare true cost of Trident before leg-room

BRITAIN'S ten million package holidaymakers are un-willing to pay more for extra leg-room and services on their flights to the sun, according to a survey published

More than 95 per cent of passengers would not pay more to be upgraded to a dub class style cabin, preferring to spend the money on meals and entertainment during the holiday, the survey among Britannia Airways' seven million annual passengers has disclosed. As a result of the replies, Britannia has dropped plans to introduce an upgraded class of service on its flights for passengers who want to avoid other pack-

age holidaymakers. This week, Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic unveiled a new class on its jumbo jets to separate business-passengers who pay the full economy fare from tourists with lower priced tickets. Mr Branson hopes that many of the seats in his new mid-class will be filled with travellers prepared to pay extra for

more leg-room. Steve Allen, Britannia's marketing director, said: "It is clear that not only are people unwilling to pay extra for their flights but that those who would be in the main economy section would feel somehow inferior and resent those in the special cabin."

The airline is, however, improving its service to all passengers with a new "royal service" giving in-flight video emertainment and improved meals to everyone.

"Unlike many passengers on scheduled airlines, our customers are paying for their flight from their own pocket," Mr Allen said. "They are not like businessmen whose flights are being paid by their own company, and although they demand quality and value they do not worry about a few extra inches of

Research also disclosed that package holidaymakers were not prepared to wait for more than 15 minutes to check in for their flight and Britannia is now attempting to reduce queuing times at airports to no more than 12

Virgin Atlantic, which hopes to attract "downgrading" business passengers as well as "upgrading" holi-daymakers to its mid-class service, believe that sufficient numbers will be prepared to switch and pay the extra to make their new service viable.

# Dying man 'gasped names of his killers' A dying man managed to

pefore collapsing with a bullet in his heart, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. The two men identified by

Ahmed Abdullah, 30, are accused of murdering him in a betting shop in south London on March 11 last year. An-thony Brindle. 27. and Pat-rick Brindle. 30. deny the Anthony Brindle arrived at

the betting shop in Walworth carrying a .22 handgun, the court was told. His brother was encouraging and supporting him. "Once inside the busy betting shop. Anthony Brindle deliberately sought out Mr Abdullah. He tried to escape, but to no avail," Victor Temple, for the prosecution, said.

Anthony Brindle allegedly fired three shots. Two struck

Mr Abdullah in the back and one missed. Mr Abdullah fled to the flat near by of some friends. Mr Temple said. He was pale, weak and had difficulty breathing. His friends placed him on the floor. When they asked who had shot him, he replied: "It was the Brindles — Tony and Patrick."

# Ram raiders foil police

Thieves rammed their way into Currys electrical store in Marlborough High Street. Wittshire, yesterday and stole video recorders, mobile telephones and stereo equipment. They had earlier punctured the tyres of 12 vehicles, six of them patrol cars, in the police station compound near by.

compound near by.

The thieves sped off in a stolen Porsche 911 and Ford Sierra Cosworth. Police cars the M4 at up to 145 mph but lost the thieves in Bristol. They abandoned the Ford and most of the stolen goods.

# **Enquiry drains** charity coffers

The Royal Scottish Society for The Royal Scottish society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children yesterday said its operating deficit had risen to more than £350,000, partly as a result of the child abuse enquiry held in Orkney.

The judicial enquiry, estab-lished after nine island child-

lished after nine island child-ren were seized by social workers last year and later released, has cost the society more than £100,000, mainly officials gave warning that, because cash reserves had fallen to less than £1 million. some projects would have to be shelved.

# Maxwell fined

Kevin Maxwell, son of the publisher Robert Maxwell, was fined £125 by Beacons-field magistrates, Buckinghamshire, for driving at 106mph on the M40 in December. Maxwell, 33, escaped a driving ban after the court was told that he had been under "immense pres-sure" following his father's death seven weeks earlier. Maxwell, who had been driving a Morgan sports car, was ordered to pay £10 costs and his licence was endorsed with three penalty points.

# Cathedral road

A decision about building an access road into the Cathedral Close at Salisbury is not expected to be made this year while more talks take place with interested parties. The cathedral's chapter office said yesterday that any planning application had been "put on the back burner".

BY CRAIG SETON

THE oldest holiday camp in Britain, which began as a collection of caravans on a Lincolnshire seafront, was sold yesterday for £500,000.

Albert Henshaw opened Trusville Holiday Village at Mablethorpe in 1924. More than a decade later, another budding entrepreneur, who ran a seaside penny arcade, went to visit and decided to do something similar 20 miles south at Skegness. His name was Billy Butlin.

Charles Moses, the auc-tioneer who offered the camp for sale yesterday, received a first bid of £300,000. Within four minutes, it was knocked down to Peter Stewart, 47. owner of the Happy Days caravan park at Chapel St Leonards, ten miles south of Mablethorpe. Mr Stewart said that he would make a few improvements but would oth-

The 12-acre camp attracts about 30,000 visitors for its and a roller skating rink.

Henshaw, 72, who took it over from his father, the founder, 35 years ago. He is retiring through ill health and was unable to attend the auction. "I feel very nostalgic. It has been my life," he said before the sale.

His father travelled the world on business and used the money he made to buy the land. He placed 20 caravans in a circle near the beach and rented them for a few shillings a week. The occupants had to provide their own enterrainment and food.

# Britain rolls out a million barrels

By DAVID Young

mates had been nearly halved

to 14,500 direct and 12,000

The report noted the "dis-

appointing number of con-

tracts awarded to British

firms for the American Tri-

dent programme. British

companies are allowed to

compete in America on the same terms as American firms for sub-contracts for

weapon system components.

So far, 70 British com-

panies have won a total of

557 contracts valued at £113

million, from a US pro-gramme worth several billion

• In another report on Tri-

dent yesterday, the environ-mental group Greenpeace said that the true cost would be £33 billion. Greenpeace

said the government's figure

had omitted the cost of run-

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Jonathan Aitken, appoint-

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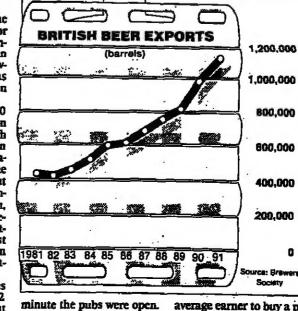
indirect jobs.

BEER exports broke the million barrels barrier for the first time last year, earning Britain £80 million in foreign exchange, the Brew-ers' Society says. Overseas sales have doubled in ten

Last year, more than 100 countries bought 1.1 million barrels of British beer, with America taking 90 million pints of ales, stouts and lagers. America was still the largest single market but the society, the brewing industry trade association, said that Europe was becoming more aware of British beers and the fastest growing markets were Spain and Holland. Beer was Brit-

ain's "forgotten export". The society said its figures showed that, in the 1991-2 tax year, the government collected £4 billion in taxes from beer sales, two-thirds of the cost of the police force and equal to £16,000 every

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minute the pubs were open. The society defended recent rises in beer prices. It said needed to be worked by the

average earner to buy a pint of beer had fallen from 14 in 1971 to 11 in 1990 despite tax rises. Richard Martin, chairman of the society, said: "For two years now, the brewing industry has endured a period of unprecedented change. As a result of the government interference and the Beer Orders of December 1989, brewers have had to sell or operate at arm's length almost 11,000

They had done that on a tight timetable when interest rates were high and domestic beer sales were down, thus discouraging private buyers, and during the worst slump in property values anyone could remember. "It seems inevitable that the end result will be fewer breweries, fewer pubs and less choice for the

The society said that more than half of British adults, 57.7 per cent, used pubs including 68 per cent of men and 47 per cent of women. More than 29 per cent visit-ed a pub at least once a



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New buyers best placed to trigger homes boom

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

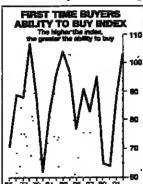
FIRST-TIME buyers, the link is consumer confidence motor of the housing market, are in a better position to buy a new home than at any time since 1983, according to the National House Building

Figures released yesterday analyse average first-time buyers' incomes and the cost of deposits and mortgage repayments to calculate a firsttime buyer's ability to buy index. The higher the index, the greater the ability to buy. The index for the first three months of 1992 stands at 103, the highest level since 1983 when it stood at 104 for the first quarter. A high of

107 was recorded in 1978. "The index shows that the financial ability to buy is there," said Basil Bean, the council's chief executive. "But first-time buyers have not been buying for the last six months because of economic uncertainty, the fear of unemployment and political uncertainty. The coming months will, I hope, encourage firsttime buyers to return to the market."

The evidence from the council echoes research from the brokers UBS Phillips and Drew. "In terms of first-time buyer affordability, the market is ready to take off like a rocket." Dr John Wriglesworth from the brokers said. "But over a million people have delayed discretionary moves. If confidence returns to the market, we

could have quite a major boom on our hands." All tangible evidence is now in place for a revival in the market, Dr Wriglesworth said. "House prices are continuing to fall in all regions, not just the South. Interest rates have come down from their peak of 15.4 per cent to under 11 per cent. Earnings are increasing. The missing



# Sergeant's wife admits bigamy

The widow of an army re-cruiting sergeant shot dead by the Irish National Liberation Army was given an absolute discharge yesterday after admitting bigamy. Dawn Kent, 29, of Ripley.

Derbyshire, was married to Michael Newman, 34, who was killed in Derby earlier this month. She bigamously married Robert Kent in Ilkeston. Derbyshire, Ilkeston magistrates were told. Adrian Crowther, for the

defence, said that Kent had suffered the anguish of Mr Newman's death and the task of telling their daughter, Danielle, about it.

# Rugby trial

Gary Rees. 31, a former England rugby player, of Kegworth. Leicestershire. was sent for trial by Staines magistrates, Surrey, charged with assaulting Stefan Marty. captain of London Irish.

# Widow killed

Lady Bottomley, 91, of Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, died in a car crash at Holmer Green. She was the widow of Sir Norman Bottomley, the former Air Chief Marshal.

# Man crushed

Trevor Black, 49, of Sittingbourne. Kent, died after his head was crushed between the hydraulic tailgate and the side of a hired lorry.

### Warren fined The boxing promoter Frank

Warren was fined £75 by Beaconsfield magistrates, Buckinghamshire, for driving at 96mph on the M25.

# Chapel of rest

A Methodist chapel at Trealaw, Mid Glamorgan, has been moved to Japan and rebuilt as a golf clubhouse.

that needs a boost." Confidence is being affected by the continuing house price falls and fears that firsttime buyers might be caught in a debt trap, with their mortgage greater than the value of their house, Dr Wriglesworth said. Rising unemployment also dis-suades potential buyers. These factors are putting buyers off subtly. Confidence has got to come back before there is a recovery.

The lack of confidence among first-time buyers is matched by caution among house builders, who traditionally use the first-time buyers' ability to buy index to plan how many new houses to build. "There is a degree of correlation between the index and quarterly housing starts," Mr Bean said. "Now that the index has shot up, we would expect the number of new houses being started to shoot up as well. But it isn't."

There were 36,600 new houses built in the first three months of this year, margin-ally up on 1991, but consider-ably less than in the first quarter of 1989 when 47,400 new houses were built.

☐ Thousands of homeowners who have been repossessed are damaging their former homes as the dream of homeownership sours, ac-

cording to estate agents. Hambro Countrywide, the nationwide agents, estimate that nearly 4,000 homes are gutted by homeowners who have been repossessed. "I would say that about 4 to 5 per cent of the 75,000 homes repossessed last year are abused," said Harry Hill from Hambro Countrywide.

The worst damaged houses were those that were bought by people who never occupied the houses themselves with their families, but let them. The damage extends to prime houses in central London. The agents Allsop and Co are selling a two-bedroom house in Groom Place, Belgravia, which has been completely been pulled off their hinges, the kitchen fittings have gone, even the shower tray has been carved out. In the bedrooms, all the doors have been removed from the fitted cupboards.

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# Old 'lack choice in care

By NICHOLAS WATT

ELDERLY people have little choice in the care they receive and the pendulum may have swung too far in favour of community rather than residential care, a re-port says today. Services are limited and access to them is usually controlled by "professional gate-keepers", according to the Pol-icy Studies Institute.

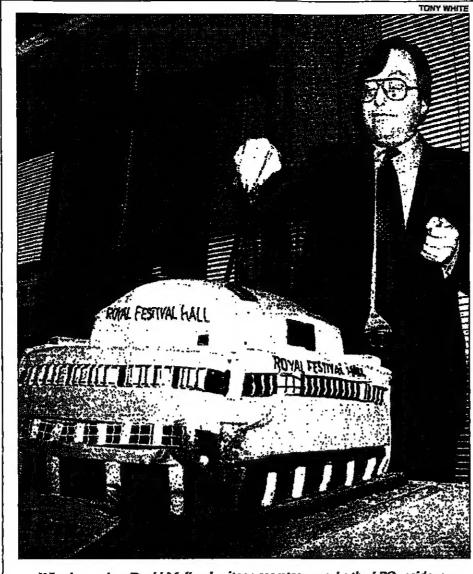
Residential care should not be seen as a "last re-sort", says Elderly People: Choice, Participation and Satisfaction. "People were often pleasantly surprised by the relief and security they felt on entering resi-dential care and it should be recognised that care in the community may be in-

adequate for their needs." One woman said: "I just felt I didn't want to face another winter on my own

in case I was ill. I wouldn't go back for anything."
The package of care received by elderly people in the community was limited. often with one or two services provided once or twice a week. Another woman summed up the feelings of many when she said: "In the morning I needed help. By the time I had got up and dressed and made breakfast and the fire. I was very tired. I could have done with the home help more often, maybe one and

The report says the e is a lamentable lack of data. 'Access to information must be seen as a funda-mental right of all elderly people and their carers to help them make an informed choice." The institute interviewed 200 over-75s, half in residential care and half in the community. The report was financed by

a half hours a day."



Winning recipe: David Mellor, heritage secretary, marks the LPO residency

# LPO sees hall as way to the top

THE London Philharmonic Orchestra yesterday announced plans to use its new residency at the Festivai Hail to become the best ensemble in the world, rivaling those in Vienna and

The orchestra's 1992-3 season, starting in October with a Schubert series, is the brainchild of its Austrian musical director. Franz Welser-Möst, whose world reputation rests on the success of the five-year resi-dency at the South Bank. Mr. Welser-Möst, 31. said yesterday that he

vanted to move towards the creation of a permanent body of players exclusive to the LPO. The present situation where orchestras shared musicians did not help the quality of performances.

"The London Philharmonic is comparable with the classic orchestras and our recent foreign tours have proved that. Now the residency gives us the chance to work on that." he said. The opportunity would enable musicians to take more time off and play different pieces, such as chamber music, that would enchance the whole orchestra's abilities.

Nicholas Snowman, general director tarts) at the South Bank, said that the

residency was more than an

opportunity for the orches-

tra to rehearse at the same venue as it performed. It was a chance to make the arts centre more alive with the orchesta becoming part of important ventures, including the German Romanticism Festival in 1994 where music. paintings and literature will combine to give audiences wide coverage of the sub-

ject under one roof. He said that the residency arrangement would not harm other London orchestras such as the Philharmonia and the Royal Philharmomia. which do not have a permanent base. There would be fewer performances, but the quality

would be higher. The season will include Mahler and the Third Viennese School festival in April next year. A What's New season in July next year will include contemporary dance, silent films, workshops and electronic

compositions. Mr WelserMöst said that he was not going to exclude pieces because they were too modern or too old.

# **Journalists** mislead by recycling interviews

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOURNALISTS have been censured by the Press Complaints Commission for misleading readers by presenting quotations from newspaper cuttings as fresh interviews.

The commission had received complaints from people who had been misrepresented in newspaper "interviews" that never took place, Lord McGregor of Durris. the chairman, said yesterday. TV Quick, the listings magazine, admitted that, after being unable to contact a woman who had been attacked by her husband, it wrote the story on the basis of newspaper reports, and it invented dialogue. "The result was an article which contained serious maccuracies and was, to a degree, ficti-

tious," the commission ruled. It said it was also con-cerned that too many journalists misled readers by pretending to have internewed a source in person. rather than on the telephone. In one article, a reporter said of the interviewee: "Watching her, sitting up in bed . when the reporter had never visited her house.

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# In-fighting begins over Genscher portfolio

By Ian Murray in bonn and Our Foreign Staff

MEMBERS of Helmut Kohl's coalition fought yesterday for the foreign ministry portfolio after Hans-Dietrich

Genscher's resignation.
Irmgard Schwaetzer, the construction minister, was nominated on Monday to succeed Herr Genscher, a few hours after he unexpectedly said he would end his 18-year tenure on May 17.

Some of yesterday's news-papers confidently predicted that Frau Schwaetzer would also get Herr Genscher's second title of deputy chancellor. among the Free Democrats and the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats.

After a Free Democrats' caucus in Bonn, Klaus Kinkel, the justice minister, emerged as another candidate for the foreign ministry, which the party claims as its long-standing right in the coalition. Wolfgang Ganschow, a Free Democrat member of parliament, said Herr Kinkel would oppose Frau Schwaetzer. Herr Kinkel did not immediately make a public

Earlier, Herr Kohl held meetings in Bonn for two hours with top coalition members to discuss government posts, and sources said afterwards there was strife over who should take the title of deputy chancellor. No decision was announced.

The Christian Social Union is thought to have demanded that finance minister Theo Waigel, the CSU leader, be given the deputy chancellor-ship, while the Free Democrats wanted Jürgen Möl-lemann, the economics

minister, to get the title. Herr Kohl has said he intends to form a new cabinet late this year to prepare for 1994 parliamentary

Wolfgang Kubicki, a fellow Free Democrat and member of parliament, said that party leaders had made a mistake in announcing Frau Schwaetzer's nomination so quickly. Another Free Democrat parliamentarian, Jürgen Koppelin, said in a Nord-deutsche radio interview the decision had been made by "a small circle" of party leaders who were not empowered to decide on cabinet posts. He called it "extraordinarily bad style" and promised a battle

in the faction.

The CSU challenged the Free Democrats' hold on the foreign ministry. Erwin Huber, CSU general secretary, said Frau Schwaetzer's per cent.

nomination was "only a suggestion" and urged a general cabinet shuffle.

In the midst of the political confusion, Germans wrestled with the consequences of escalating strike action by public service workers who involved transport and postal services in their dispute yesterday in large areas of the estern part of the country.

Employers went on the of-fensive and in Berlin engi-neering chiefs held a press conference to warn that they were prepared to lock out workers if they went ahead with plans to stage warning strikes from this morning. The employers offer of a 3.3 per cent pay increase has been described as provocative by the union, which is asking

for more than 9 per cent.
"We have very little room to play with," Hans-Joachim Gottschol, the employers president warned. "In contrast to the public sector we have to face international competition. We lost 60,000 jobs in the industry last year because of wage settlements that were too high."

His warning came as Mercedes-Benz confirmed that they will be cutting their 180,000 workforce in Germany by 20,000 over the next two years - the first time the company has ever announced redundancies.

The difficulties caused by the strikes have started a campaign to denationalise many of the services.

Hans Peter Stihl, president of the German Industry and Trade Confederation, called for the post office and rail-ways to be privatised. Dieter-Julius Cronenberg, the Free Democrats (FDP) social policy expert urged more privatising of services such as rubbish collection and parcel delivery and a wholesale re-duction in the number of public service officials, including the police, finance

However these threats were ignored by Frau Monika Wulf-Mathies, the public service union leader. Although employers were still not offering more than 4.8 per cent, there was no longer any question of accepting the arbitra-tion panel's suggested 5.4 per cent, she said.

A hint of a weakening on the employers side came from Frau Heide Simonis, of the Social Democrats (SPD), who is in charge of negotiations on behalf of the Lander and said in an interview yesterday that she would no longer exclude an offer in excess of the 4.8



Embassy protest: Israelis demonstrating outside the German embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday against the rising popularity of neo-Nazism in Europe

# Messiaen, devout innovator of musical style, dies in Paris

By RICHARD MORRISON

OLIVIER Messiaen, the avant-garde French composer who based some of his most celebrated music on birdsong, died yesterday, following an operation in a Paris hospital. He was 83.

The sounds he created during a six-decade career were unmistakable. Mainly epic pieces for organ, piano or big orchestras, they celebrated in music of great rhythmic intricacy and instrumental exoricism his devout Catholic faith. He achieved fame in the 1930s as an organist at the Church of La Trinité in Paris, where he continued to accompany services for nearly 60 years. His immense organ works, celebrating episodes in Christ's life, largely date from that time. Later, for his second wife, the pianist Yvonne Loriod, he wrote equally vast and virtuoso piano pieces most famously the Vingt Re-

gards sur l'Enfant-Jesus. As a prisoner of war in 1940 he composed one of his most celebrated works: the Quartet for the End of Time. Six years later came the Turangalila Symphony, a ten-movement celebration of love, couched in ecstatic musical language.

He became an acknowledged expert in birdsong, travelling throughout the world. This spilled over into his music in such works as the Catalogue d'Oiseaux for piano. It was birdsong, and an interest in oriental music, that led him to construct the unique scales that gave his

music its distinctive harmonic and melodic flavour. As a teacher, at the Paris

Conservatoire for four decades, he strongly influenced the leading postwar avantgarde figures, among them Pierre Boulez and Kartheinz Stockhausen: But whereas they moved towards dense mathematical complexity. Messiaen's music was always a highly sensual expression of his faith and feelings.

Messiaen received honours and awards from many countries, including Britain. A festival of his music was mounted in London in De-cember 1988 to mark his 80th birthday, with the composer in attendance.

# **UN** chief ready to intervene in Bosnia

By TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

**BOUTROS** Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, under pressure from France to send peace-keepers to Bosnia-Herzegovina, said yesterday that the UN was willing to play a role in the former Yugoslav republic. But Dr Boutros Ghali said after a meeting with Presi-dent Mitterrand in Paris that the UN would need to over-come financial and organisational problems first.

"The United Nations is ready to play a role in Bosnia on condition that it has the resources," he said. "The international community must help us find solutions on all fronts, whether Bosnia, Somalia or Cambodia."

France, a permanent member of the security council, has campaigned for the UN to extend its peacekeeping mission in Yugoslavia to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Dr Boutros Ghali had mariously rejected Ghali had previously rejected sending in UN troops, saying conditions were not right to commit more than the 100 unarmed military observers being deployed this week.

Diplomats at the UN headquarters in New York had thought the most that France could obtain was permission for a military-technical mission to investigate the feasibil-ity of sending peacekeepers. Dr Boutros Ghali said he would discuss this with the security council today.

The UN is already sending about 14,000 blue-helmeted peacekeepers to the Serbian areas of Croatia which have seen flerce fighting in the past few months. That force is due in place in about four weeks.

In Bosnia, a senior Yugoslav army commander de-manded the formation of an army from Bosnian Serbs to serve in Bosnia and Serbcontrolled areas of neigh-bouring Croatia. Major General Momcilo Talic made



his call as continued fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina delayed European Community-sponsored talks in Lisbon on the future of the republic for the second day reunning.

On Monday, the Bosman presidency, which represents only Muslims and Croats, de-manded a total Yugoslav army withdrawal from Bosnia. But General Talic derided this. "It has nowhere to go Obitmary, page 15 - nor will it go anywhere".

# Cossiga resigns with customary anger and charm

President Cossiga has left office with one of those bravura performances that have so endeared him to many of Italy's minor parties, reports John Phillips

PRESIDENT Cossiga finally resigned yesterday with characteristic brio that would have seemed ridiculous from any other European head of

In Italy, however, such verve has earned the 63-yearold Sardinian maverick undying affection from protest parties as diverse as the neofascist Italian Social Movement and the regional League of the North.

In a valedictory "pickaxe blow" against what he has long denounced as the ills of the establishment, Signor Cossiga accused General Antonio Viesti, head of the Carabinieri paramilitary police, and General Goffredo Canino, army chief of staff, of discourteous and disloyal conduct by passing over for promotion Lieutenant-Colo-nel Stefano Orlandi, his security chief at the Quirinal

The two men were excluded from seemingly endless ceremonies marking the departure of the president, including the solemn laying of a wreath at the Altar to the Fatherland in the Piazza Venezia. A concert at the Rome Opera in honour of the Carabinieri planned for last night. that would have starred Luciano Pavarotti, was postponed abruptly to prevent Signor Cossign being obliged to meet

His resignation announced dramatically on television on Saturday leaves Italy in an unprecedented constitutional muddle. The country has only a caretaker government after the resignation on Friday of Giulio Andreotti, the prime

Signor Andreotti's fourparty coalition was left without a workable majority after his Christian Democrat party reeled from a huge protest vote in the general election this month. Political analysis believe that repeated "es-ternazioni", or outspoken diatribes, made by Signor Cossiga against the mainstream parties over the past Christian Democrats 5 per cent of the national vote.

Yet when in July 1985 he became the youngest president in the history of the postwar republic Signor Cossiga showed no signs of deviating from what had traditionally been a largely ceremonial role. For five years he was known as an non-existent president a Roman Catholic bibliophile with an almost monastic lifestyle.

There was speculation that he was badly scarred psycho-logically by the kidnap and murder of Aldo Moro, the Christian Democrat statesman, by the Red Brigade group in 1978. Signor Cossiga was interior minister during the kidnapping and he resigned when the body of Signor Moro was found dumped in a car in the Via Caetani in Rome.

In 1990, however, he jettisoned his taciturn style, feuding with the magistrates' ruling body. He also attacked concentration of press ownership in the hands of media magnates such as Carlo de Benedetti and Silvio Berlusconi. "I want to shake some stones out of my shoes," he

He also hurled vitriolic insuits at his opponents. Achille Occhetto, leader of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, was, for instance, described as "a zombie with a moustache". ignor Occhetto subsequently led an unsuccessful campaign to have the president



Cossiga: attacked two officers as he resigned impeached for allegedly ex-ceeding his constitutional

During a long visit to France early in 1990 Signor Cossiga was impressed by the power wielded by President Mitterrand; it seemed monarchical by Italian standards. He emulated the French leader's skilful use of the broadcast media, appear-ing on Italian television for 525 hours alone last year and often speaking on early morn-

He also criticised the Christian Democrat party from which he had risen to the presidency and lashed out at Ciriaco De Mita, the party president, who had organised his election to the Outrinal.

for being a "provincial boss". Signor Cossiga retains sup-porters in the Christian Democrat party with which he was reconciled just before the gen-eral election. But leaders of his former party were divided yesterday over whether he should be allowed to rejoin

# Yeltsin says fund will not dictate economic policy

PRESIDENT Yeltsin, speaking only a day after his country received a seal of approval from the International Monetary Fund, served notice yesterday that Russia would not necessarily abide by IMF prescriptions in charting its eco-nomic policies. He also pledged that Russia and France would put pressure on America to follow their example and desist from nuclear testing.

Both comments appeared to reflect sensitivity to charges from communist and nationalist hardliners, as well as from some Yeltsin supporters,

that the Russian leadership has been failing to stand up for the country's interests in dealing with the West.

His remarks on atomic testing were made during a visit to the Arctic defence industry town of Severodvinsk, one of scores of Russian communities that have been faced with economic ruin by the government's virtual cessation of arms procurement.
America has declined con-

sistently to match Russia's unilateral pledges to abstain from nuclear tests. Washington argues that testing will be necessary for as long as

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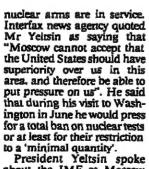
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about the IMF at Moscow airport, shortly before leaving for a tour of economically hard-pressed northern regions. "We do not intend to abide by the IMF's dictates just like that," he said. "Our opinions do not coincide on all questions, and we shall stand up for our point of

He promised to carry out a cabinet reshuffle within the next ten days; he expected that four ministers would be removed and the management of the economy would be streamlined in ways that would make it impossible for the old command economy to be restored.

Mr Yeltsin promised to lighten the tax burden on Russians during the second half of the year, and insisted that his country would be careful in drawing down the \$24 billion (£13.5 billion) credit line that the Group of Seven rich industrial nations have promised in principle to

his country. "We do not want to plunge in ... and grab the \$24 bil-lion," he said. "We are acting cautiously and will take strictly defined amounts of dollars for concrete programmes."



Stern words: President Yeltsin speaking in Moscow before leaving for northern regions

# Ukraine will use IMF cash for new reforms

FROM REUTER IN KIEV

PRESIDENT Kravchuk of Ukraine denied yesterday that there was any split between free-marketeers and conservatives in his administration and said Kiev was committed to using International Monetary Fund loans

for effective reform. He said that there was no contradiction between an economic manifesto prepared by Aleksandr Yemelyanov. a conservative adviser, last month and the market reform programme, including

widespread privatisations, submitted to the IMF by Vladimir Lanovoy, the reformist economics minister "We make no division be-

tween Lanovoy and Yemelyanov. This is one and the same process, based on the national, independent economic policy of Ukraine," he told a news conference. "We are doing one and the same thing, and I do not see any big discrepancies ... between Yemelyanov's position and

# Grand duke to have an imperial funeral

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

Russia's ambiguous fas-cination with its imperial past will deepen today with the grand public fun-eral of Vladimir Kirillovich, the heir to the Romanov throne, in the city founded

by his ancestors.

Patriarch Aleksi II will conduct the Orthodox burial service in the austere magnificence of St Isaac's Cathedral over the remains of the grand duke, who died suddenly, aged 74, on a vis-it to America last week. But the honours accord-

ed to the exiled patrician, whose coffin was flown to St Petersburg from Paris last night, will fall slightly short of those due to a fullblown tsar. Under a decree published yesterday by the municipal authorities, he will be interred in the mau-soleum established for

grand dukes in 1909.

This builing, hitherto a museum which will now have to be hastily reconverted to its religious function, stands within the same Peter and Paul fortress that houses the chapel where tsars are buried.

Radio Russia said his widow, Leonida Georgievna, had hoped he could be buried inside the chapel, whose golden spire domi-nates the city's skyline, in the same vault as the em-

The grand duke and duchess paid their first visit to Russia's second city last November, and took part in celebrations to mark its re-version from Leningrad to its historic name of St Petersburg. They disappointed some staunch monarchists by associating with the republican authorities, and with such Moscow-based clergy as Patriarch Aleksi, who were always regarded by White Russians as stooges of the communist state. communist state.

The death of the grand

duke, Jeaving his daughter Maria Romanova as heir, will fuel the debate among Russian monarchists about how to advance their cause. Some believe a new Russian monarch should be precedent set 500 years ago. Others criticised the grand duke for having mar-ried a noblewoman of Geor-gian rather than Russian

Several people ques-tioned in the centre of St Petersburg yesterday said they did not know the grand duke had died and expressed surprise that he was to be buried in the fortress. "It makes no difference to me where they are going to bury the tsar. The only thing that matters to me is to get through to my next pension payment," a woman standing in a food

Although he will not join the other emperors, the grand duke's remains will enjoy a dignity denied those of his cousin Tsar Nicholas II, which were furtively hidden after Bolshevik guinnen secretly killed him and his immediate family in 1918 in the Urals city of Yekaterinburg.

queue said.

# Mandela invited to Sweden

Carl Bildt, the Swedish prime minister, has invited Nelson Mandela, president of the Af-rican National Congress, to make an official visit to Swe-den near process. den next month. Mr Mandela will also visit Finland.

President Havel on a Far

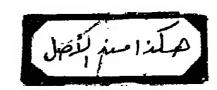
East tour, has offered his na-tion's expertise to South Korean firms venturing into Vietnam. He said Czechoslovakia's contacts there would be useful to South Korean companies which were relative newcomers to Vietnam.

President Ozal of Turkey and Suleyman Demirel, his prime minister, have been honoured at a ceremony marking the 500th anniversary of the mass expulsion of Sephardic Jews from Spain to Turkey.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has named Muhammad Sahnoun, an Algerian diplomat. to head a new security council peacekeeping and humanitarian aid operation for Somalia.

Prevented by UN sanctions from flying, Abu Zid Dourda, the Libyan prime minister, crossed to Malta by a hydrofoil to make an air connection to Europe.

President Vassilion of Greece has released from prison Nicos Sampson, leader of the 1974 coup that led to the Turkish invasion of north-



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# Democrat leaders still ignore Clinton

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN PHILADELPHIA

THE Pennsylvania primary ended yesterday as though it were the Ruritania primary. Bill Clinton was welcomed at his last campaign rally by moustachioed pipers, their long, grand phrases spoilt only by pauses to find the next page of music. Red banners fought for attention with black homburgs. The young prince of the Democratic party celebrated with a saxophone song played on an instrument borrowed from

As he headed for victory last night, there was much other superficial good humour in Mr Clinton's camp. With seven of the big primary states having voted, and only Ohio. New Jersey and California to come, almost no one thinks a rival can steal the Democratic nomination by

normal constitutional means. Yet the triumphant Arkansas governor, despite his desperate bonhomie, was still a man seeking to attract new friends and repel new rumours about his personal life. The big barons of the Democratic party have still not endorsed him. Here in Pennsyl-

vania his failure to win backing from Robert Casey, the governor, could be explained by differences over abortion policy. But the governors of other states that he has won, Texas, New York and Florida, have also held back, waiting for another "female shoe" to fall or something else to

So have all but one of his fallen primary rivals. Senator Bob Kerrey is writing a book about Vietnam. Paul Tsongas is waiting and watching. Governor Doug Wilder harried Mr Clinton around this month's Virginia caucuses. Only the party loyalist, Tom Harkin, is throwing his weight behind the leader.

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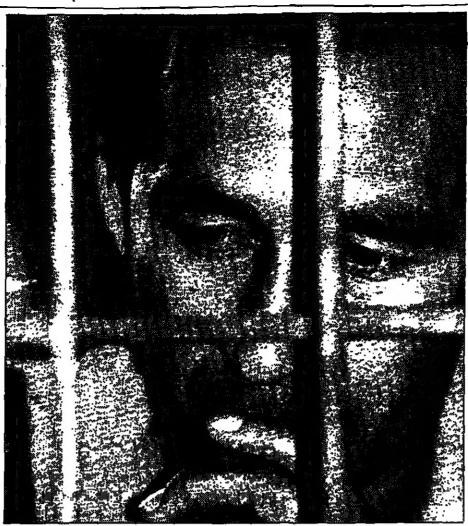
Jerry Brown virtually conceded defeat before voting began yesterday, but he vowed to keep up the fight, not so much by attacking Mr Clinton (the Republicans will soon be doing enough of that) but by assaulting the system which produced him.

The beneficiary is Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire and a political outsider with a ready stock of maxims, no record in office and \$3billion (£1.7 billion) in the bank. An opinion poll in the Los Angeles Times put Mr Perot in second place in California yesterday, at 32 per cent, one point behind President Bush and six ahead of Mr Clinton.

The other outsider who dominated the Pennsylvania campaign without taking part was Anita Hill, whose clashes with the senators of the judiciary committee last year is credited with revitalising the politics of feminism. One of those questioners, who supported Justice Clarence Thomas against Ms Hill's sexual harrassment allegations was Pennsylvania senator Arien Specter who had a tough battle for the Republican nomination.

There was an even tougher fight on the Democrat side for the chance to try for Senator Specter's seat in November. Lynn Yeakel, whose campaign was inspired by the sight of the all-male judiciary committee, found herself riding a wave of support against Lieutenant-Governor Mark Singel.

Who would be king, page 12



Under suspicion: José Adan Avalos Solorzano, operations chief at the Pemex oil company, in jail in Guadalajara, Mexico, yesterday. He is among officials facing charges after explosions killed some 200 people last week

# President finds fund-raising event is embarrassing

A dinner is seen as an example of how money buys access to power, writes Martin Fletcher from Washington

LAST night's annual President's Dinner in Washington was expected to raise nearly \$8 million (£4.5 million) for Republican election efforts this November, making it the largest political fund-raising event ever. But for President Bush, the principal speaker, it turned into a political embarrassment.

At a time when public disgust with Washington has reached record levels, the dinner has come to be seen as a classic example of how big money buys access to power and campaign finance laws are routinely evaded.

laws are routinely evaded.

The 4,300 Republican guests got more than just pasta salad, beef tenderloin with asparagus and pastries for their \$1,500 minimum contribution. Those who bought a table's worth of tickets received invitations to one of two pre-dinner receptions hosted by Mr Bush and his wife, Barbara or the cabinet, a lunch given by Vice-President Dan Quayle and his wife, and breakfast with the Republican congressional leadership.

Those who bought two ta-

Those who bought two tables' worth got either a senator or a "senior administration official" at their table. To be photographed with Mr Bush you had to raise more than \$92,000, and the top ticket sellers were seated at the president's table.

Among those vying for the latter honour was James Elliott, the head of an Illinois marketing company and one of the event's co-chairmen. He is being sued by a former employee for allegedly coercing him and his colleagues into buying tickets, and dismissing him when he refused. Four of his colleagues told The Washington Post that Mr Elliott hoped his fund-raising activities would secure a presidential pardon for federal bank fraud convictions which put him in jail in the 1980s and bar him from exerciting francial petrosiles.

certain financial activities.

Three groups championing 'government' reform organised a demonstration outside Washington's Convention Centre last night, and it was not only the "auction".

ing" of the White House to which they objected.

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The dinner's objective was to raise "soft money" to be spent on state party activities like voter registration and get-out-the-rote drives. These funds are not subject to legal limits on contributions to individual congressional campaigns, and lobbyists for corporate America were queuing up to give money last night. The Republicans and Democrats spent an estimated \$43 million in soft money in 1988 and ex-

ploit this loophole blatantly.

To appease intense public anger with Washington.
Congress is in the midst of approving campaign finance legislation that should genuinely curb such loopholes. diminish the influence of big money and reduce the enormous financial advantages of incumbency. Mr Bush has pledged to veto the bill.

If the President's Dinner further eroded America's confidence in its political establishment yesterday, so, too.did events at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue where the legislative and executive branches of government appeared to be heading



Bush: diners' money buys access to power

for a constitutional clash over the House bank scandal.

scandal.

Malcolm Wilkey, the special counsel appointed by the attorney-general to investigate the affair, has subpoenaed the banking record of every congressman, whether or not they were among the 300 or so who wrote an estimated 24,000 bad cheques worth millions of dollars.

# Britain is accused on rights

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

CHRIS Patten must introduce more democracy in the running of Hong Kong during the last five years of British rule, according to a report published yesterday which was critical of the government's attitude towards the

The report by the Genevabased International Commission of Jurists called for the government to allow far more people from Hong Kong to settle in Britain, the creation of a human rights commission in the colony and for more local lawyers to be recruited into the indiciary

cruised into the judiciary.

The attitudes of ministers towards the colony when they were negotiating Hong Kong's reversion to China were criticised. The six million people of Hong Kong should have been given the right to approve or reject the 1984 Sino-British declaration in a referendum, the

report said.

"The UK is not entitled to hand over the holders of British citizenship in Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China without having allowed them to exercise their right of self determination," it said, adding that, as a consequence of its action, Britain was obliged to provide rights of abode in Britain or other countries to all three million people who are British dependent territory citizens. Under the British Nationality (Hong Kong) Act, 1990, 50,000 heads of household will be allowed to settle in Britain.

The report said that by 1995 all 60 members of the colony's legislative council should be elected directly. Under present plans, the report said, only 30 members of the council would be directly elected by 2003. The government was accused of limiting democracy for fear of alienating China.

The jurists want the government to ensure that the chief executive is elected directly rather than appointed by China; they also want the chief executive to be accountable to the legislature of the Hong Kong special administrative region.

# Burmese halt Karen campaign

FROM REUTER IN BANGKOK

BURMA has suspended its campaign against Karen ethnic rebels, according to the official state radio monitored yesterday by the BBC. "The Karen state offensive has been suspended in view of national unity and goodwill," the radio said.

In January the Burmese armylaunched a big offensive involving more than 10,000 soldiers to capture the Karen main headquarters at Manerplaw on the eastern border with Thailand. The military junta had vowed to crush the 43-year insurgency before the monsoons begin in May.

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The suspension of the campaign came after political shifts by the ruling military junta, which is condemned by the international community for its brutal human rights record. The junta has released 27 political detainees in the past few days.

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General Than Shwe took over on Thursday as head of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council.

# Strike called

Madrid: Spanish trade unions have called a half-day general strike in May and a full-day stoppage in October. They are protesting against the Maastricht accord's effect on work conditions.

# Win claimed

Castries, St Lucia: John Compton, the prime minister, claims his ruling United Workers' Party has won an easy victory in the election, and early results tend to support him. (Reuter)

# Flag wavers

Canberra: Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister; has announced in parliament that the government will consider a new flag that will not include the Union Jack.

# Routes closed

Osio: Many Norwegian commuters have had to use small craft — including at least one kayak — after a transport strike closed more than 200 car and passenger coastal ferry routes.

Do South Africa's Olympic hopes depend on one race?



Each week Dispatches uncovers an Important news story, before it hits the headlines.

Tonight we examine the state of South African politics with a behind the scenes look at the selection of the Olympic squad.

South Africa claims to be presenting a fair and multiracial team, but only a handful of the athletes competing in Barcelona will be black.

Dispatches finds out why, and discovers that the effects of apartheid linger on.

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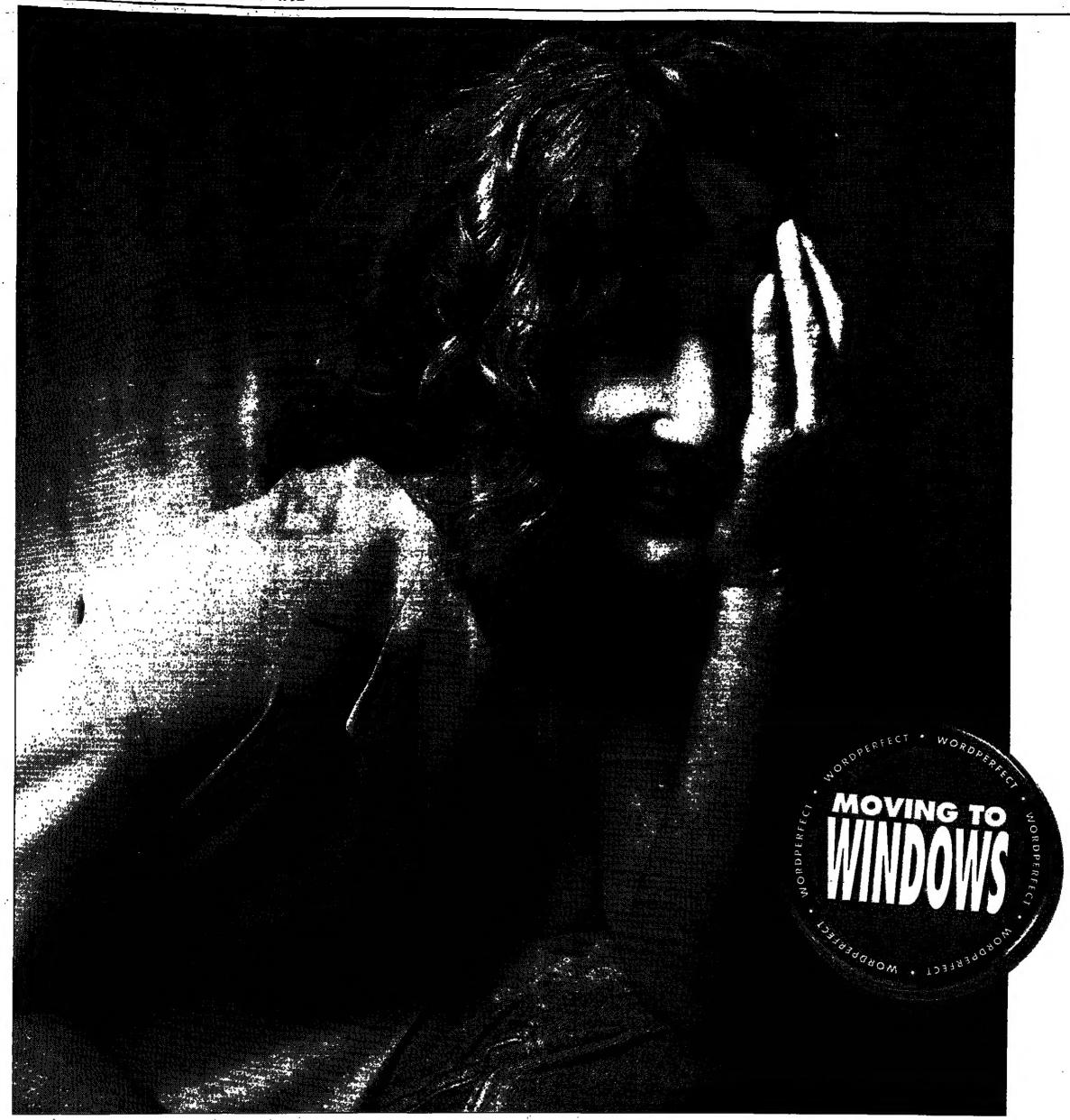
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# Mujahidin regime takes over power in shattered Kabul

WITH celebratory anti-aircraft shells exploding over Kabul and the streets echoing with welcoming gunfire, Afghanistan's new Mujahidin government arrived triumphantly in the capital yesterday at the head of a convoy of cars, buses and lorries several miles long. Its arrival marked the end of 13 years of war and the start of a new phase of a

bitter ethnic power struggle. Sibghatullah Mujadidi, president of the interim ruling council that will try to fill the power vacuum that has reduced the city to chaos, waved to thousands of people lining the broken streets. Since he last saw it a decade practically to rubble. But yesTemporary peace welcomed the new government, Christopher Thomas writes from Kabul

only guns being fired as he arrived at the end of a 150mile journey across rough ter-rain from the Pakistan border city of Peshawar being those that welcomed him. The hardline Mujahidin, who had been pounding the city with rocket and artillery fire, silenced their weapons.

Whether they will observe a ceasefire remains in doubt. There were poor omens when



Homecoming: Sibghatullah Mujadidi, with a military escort, returns to the Afghan capital

fierce new street fighting broke out last night. Thou-sands of Mujahidin rebels allied to Ahmad Shah Massoud, architect of the capture of Kabul, followed Mr Mujadidi's procession from Pakistan in a 29-hour journey. The threat of the faction led by Gulbuddin Hekmatyar to stop the convoy did not ma-

The grey-beared Mr Mujadidi, wearing a white turban. received power from the outgoing government at a ceremony in the foreign ministry. The acting president, the prime minister, the chairman of the house of representatives, the head of the senate and the chief justice of the supreme court made obeisance to him. They congratu-lated the rebels on their victory and pledged alle-giance to the new Mujahidin Islamic government. Many of the former President Najibullah's old allies were there: it looks therefore as if there will

not be a pervasive witchhunt. Mr Mujadidi expressed his gratitude to Mr Massoud and forces allied to him for "not allowing the hand of the aggressor to become too strong" — a sharp rebuke to Mr Hekmatyar, his nemesis. Expressing his happiness at coming home, he declared: "Imagine what a child, who has been away for many years, feels when it is em-

braced again by its mother." In the past 14 years, he said, the people of Afghani-stan had made more sacri-fices than anybody in history. The ilhad had crushed the Soviet Union and destroyed communism; the only superpower was Allah. Pashtun, Uzbek, Turkmen and Tajiks



Triumphal convoy: Mujahidin fighters accompany the new ruling council into Kabul at the end of a 29-hour journey from Pakistan

were all equal, like the teeth of a comb. Asked about the future of Dr Najibullah, he said evasively that it was for the people to decide.

Mr Mujadidi's first stop was at a building that used to be called the Office of Solidarity and Peace in communist days. Mujahidin fighters clambered on its walls and roof firing rifles and hugging each other. "Long live Islam," they shouted. "Allah is great." Mr Hekmatyar fought a hopeless battle against im-

fighting last night suggested

Mr Hekmatyar's hands were "dirty with the blood of thoupossible odds, but renewed

that he may not yet have given up completely. Every ernment is far from a repreone of the other six Peshawar sentative body. Shias have no based rebel groups turned against him. Mr Mujadidi, places in it and it is top-heavy with Pashtuns. Iran-based Shia Mujahidin groups have been virtually ignored, bringwho heads the moderate Afghanistan National Liberaing echoes of past neglect. They claim to be 25 per cent tion Front, will find it hard to negotiate with him. Enmity of the Afghan population: probably they are half that. They are claiming a quarter of the seats on the interim between them runs deep. They are rumoured to have pulled handguns on each other at a routine meeting in shawar some years ago. Mr Mujadidi once said that

The council is intended to last for two months, after which it is supposed to hand over to a more broad-based

interim government. Attempts will be made to persuade Mr Hekmatyar, who has been offered the post of prime minister, to join in. A general amnesty has been an-nounced, which presumably includes him. But it is not clear if it will include Dr

To keep this house of cards from collapsing will be a tough task, given the Afghan winner-takes-all tradition. Political power has always been defined by firepower. which leaves Mr Hekmatyar

tremendous capacity for de struction. Islamabad: Pakistan has

extended full diplomatic recognition to the interim council and has sent medicine and food supplies to Kabul (Zahid

Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister of Pakistan, visited the Afghan border yesterday and said he would soon go to Kabul. Pakistan's recognition of the council may further isolate Mr Hek-

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# South African constitutional talks

# Sudden openness confuses press

SOUTH Africa's newspapers, along with most South Africans, were confused yesterday over a report that there may - or may not - have been a significant breaktalks deciding the future

shape of government. The Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), is tackling how the country is to be turned into a multiracial democracy. Before an interim government is set up there needs to be a phase in which the playing field would be levelled before non-racial elections to create a constitutionmaking body.

There has not been much agreement on how this should happen. This month the working party charged with solving the problem set up a technical committee of experts to draft proposals. The work was completed this week and the draft presented. The working party provid-

Ingenious constitutional proposals released to the media were not quite the breakthrough they seemed, writes Michael Hamlyn from Johannesburg

ed an ingenious solution. An interim joint council was proposed which would be appointed by Codesa. The council would be backed by subcommittees that would supervise defence and law and order, regional and local government, and finance.

The idea is that each of these areas would be impartial when it came to the elections. A lot of questions remained unanswered, however, including the crucial one of what power this joint council would have over the present cabinet and whether it would operate by unanimity or by what is called a sufficient consensus.

The draft discussion paper

was to be argued over at the working party, but the working party, bitten before by partial leaks to the press of

discussion documents, decided to distribute the findings to journalists in full. It was this that caused the confusion. Those late for the news conference missed the explanation of the document's status. Even those who were on time did not fully understand the openness with which they were confronted. Yesterday's newspapers reflected this.

its main story. The Star in Johannesburg buried it. In fact it seems to be much less a breakthrough than an interesting suggestion which could lead somewhere once the key questions are answered. More crucially, the whole concept of the preparatory phase of the transition seems to have been overtaken by President de Klerk's surprise proposal last week to set

Business Day made the news

oversee the interim stages of Opposition split The expulsion of Jacobus "Koos" van der Merwe and Jacobus 'Koos" Botha, two right-wing MPs. from the Conservative Party is symptomatic of a profound discontent.

up a rotating presidency to

Similarly afflicted is the Democratic Party, the liberals on the other side of the ruling National Party. Both of the smaller parties are adrift in the uncharted seas of the new South Africa. In-

ELABORATE and often ob-

sequious celebrations, de-

signed to make a mockery of

the West's claim to have won

a crushing victory in the

Gulf war, were staged

throughout Iraq yesterday to mark the 55th birthday of

President Saddam Hussein.

by the government paper al-

Jumhuriya, which published

a new hymn to the dictator

declaring. "The history of the world begins with you."

Babel, a paper published by his son Uday, stated: "He

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As American and British

officials expressed concern

about a renewed Iraqi offen-

sive against Shia Muslim

rebels in the south of the

country, new statues and

portraits were unveiled in

dozens of cities and towns to

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The mood was summed up

the white community, both English and Afrikaans-speaking, are being taken over by the Nationalist machine. The Conservatives are in treme parties the world over. The Democrats are being squeezed between the Nation alists and the African National Congress.

The Conservatives' prob-

lem is what direction policy should now take. Under the uncertain leadership of Andries Treurnicht, an unreconstructed Verwoerdian, white supremacist hardliners led by Ferdinand Hartzenberg, his deputy, have dominated policy-making. The pragmatists want the party to recognise the inevitablity of reform and to take part in Codesa.

At issue is the concept of white homeland. The hardliners see the whole of South Africa, with the exception of the black homelands and some areas of the Cape and Natal, as the homeland for volkstaat) of the whites.

At a conference last week end, Mr van der Merwe told Mr Hartzenberg that his policies were an "intellectual embarrassment", precipitating his dismissal.

In the Democratic Party the differences are between the leadership, which feels that there still needs to be a party between the Nationalists and the ANC, and two factions. With a question over whether the party will survive, these factions are divided over whether the interests of the party's constituencies would be best represented by the Nationalists or the ANC.

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sands of innocent Afghans".

Mugabe: confronted by former guerrillas

# Mugabe seeks new revolution

Harare: President Mugabe is fired with renewed revolutionary zeal after a weekend brainstorming session with representatives of the 26,000 guerrillas who fought to overthrow white rule in Rhodesia (Michael Hartnack writes).

The Herald, which is gov ernment-controlled. yesterday predicted a cabinet purge of "opportunists" who alleg-edly have "marginalised the former freedom fighters" since Mr Mugabe's Zanu (PF) won Zimbabwe's independence elections in 1980. The president has asked leaders of the former guerrillas, who met in the northern town of Chinhoyi, to prepare

a blueprint for new "revolu-tionary leadership" in the face of the difficulties in the With drought-stricken Zimbabweans queuing for up to six hours for staple foods after a planning bungle, the former guerrillas subjected Mr Mugabe to an unprece-dented tirade. One confront-

ed him and gave him a half-

hour lecture on how the

struggle had been hijacked.

Approval of the constitution by eight million Ghana-

# Ghana goes to polls in search of an end to military rule

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

tion to end li years of military rule yesterday. The result almost certainly will usher in multiparty democracy from next month. The constitution is being

backed by the ruling Provi-sional National Defence Council (PNDC) of Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings and the opposition. Under pressure from the International Monetary Fund and foreign lenders who have giv-en Ghana \$4.2 billion (£2.4 billion) in grants and loans, Fit Lt Rawlings has little choice other than to push through an extensive economic reorganisation.

However, he has taken controversial measures to try to protect himself and his fellow ministers from the consequences of their misrule. Several provisions in the draft constitution protect the government and its servants from prosecution and from attempts to reverse its measures over the past few years. Section 33 of the draft is

explicit "For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that no executive, legislative or judi-cial action taken, or purported to have been taken by the PNDC, in the name of the PNDC, shall be questioned in any proceedings whatsoever and accordingly, it shall not be lawful for any court to make any order or grant any remedy or relief in respect of any such act."

ians, which seems a foregone conclusion, will be followed

GHANAIANS voted in a ref- by the lifting of the ban on parliamentary elections in November and presidential elections the next month.
Since independence from Britain in 1957, Ghana has had three attempts at civilian rule which have been blighted

by allegations of corruption. Fit Lt Rawlings's regime claims to have been the cleanest in the country's history, but his attempts to protect it might suggest that there are skeletons in the cupboard awaiting discovery.

J.H. Mensah, a former fi-nance minister, believes that the vote on the draft constitution is a "monstrous charade" which the world will not witness because Fit Lt Rawlings has dropped his earlier promise to invite international observers to check that the referendum is democratic. He says that few Ghanaians, most of whom are illiterate. will have had time to absorb the import of a long legal document that has been available for only two weeks.
"By decree of the Provision-

al National Defence Coun-cil." he adds. "nobody has been allowed to organise public opinion in support of any alternative view on the constitutional future of the country. Rawlings retains the unchal-lengeable right to detain any Ghanaian indefinitely without charge or explanation, and is still holding many of his opponents in prison .... Upwards of 10,000 armed irregulars plus many more 'revolutionary cadres' are deplayed to enforce the PNDC's

# Israeli corruption alleged

FROM RICHARD BEESTON .... IN JERUSALEM

MIRIAM Ben-Porat, the forcomptroller, has delivered a scathing indictment of govemment abuse of power.

Her 1,200-page report's toughest criticism is levelled at the housing ministry, under the control of Ariel Sharon, the former defence minister, who has had to defend his aides against allegations that they consistently squan-dered millions of shekels in taxpayers' money on dubious projects. The worst violations listed were allegedly committed by Uri Shani, the head of Amidar, the immigrant housing corporation, who is accused of running up huge bills with his wife and friends at hotels throughout the country and charging them

to the government.
The allegations also detail how hundreds of homes intended for new immigrants were built badly and in the wrong place by contractors who frequently had business or political links to the ministry. The ministry even succeeded in mishandling the purchase of mobile homes, bought as a stopgap while construction was taking place, which finally cost more than conventional two-room

Similar attacks are made against the Ministry of Education, which had failed to teach 60,000 new immigrants Hebrew, and Ehud Olmert, the health minister, who was apparently personal ly responsible for placing orders for medical equipment with a friend and former

# Fawning Iraqis celebrate Saddam's birthday

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The festivities surrounding the 55th birthday of the Iraqi president reinforce his personality cult, Christopher Walker writes from Cairo

the man whose grip on power is daily being reimposed more firmly by his revamped secret police.

Tens of thousands of people from Baghdad and other centres swarmed past the reviewing stand at a parade ground in the president's home town of Takrit shouting. "We all love Sad-dam." Many young girls came forward to present their shorn hair as a gift in what has become a postwar symbol of loyalty to the president who led his country into what he called "the

mother of all battles".

public places. Recent travellers to Iraq

For security reasons, Saddam was not present at the Takrit festivities. The official Iraqi news agency said he watched a private display of song and dance in Baghdad, confirming his fear of an assassination attempt in

say the cult of personality has returned to the gro-tesque proportions it had taken on before the war. Baghdad's Saddam art gallery yesterday opened a special exhibition devoted to the president's early days with such items as school

files on his underground career before the Baath party seized power in 1968. Among the photographs on display was one of Saddam in prison. Another showed him peering through the bars of a prison van.

In Takrit, also the home town of most of his senior aides, one group of dancers depicted the women of Sad-dam's nearby birth village of Aouja whooping with joy at the news of his birth — the date having been traced from school records.

Earlier, on Monday at 7pm sharp, an estimated one million Iraqis, mostly young people, gathered in designated squats around the country to recite a new pledge of loyalty to the man they described as "the greatest son of the land of two

of the hardships being en-dured as a result of 21 months of United Nation sanctions, the young Iraqis declared: "We swear by your name, Saddam, to follow your footsteps. Whenever you call us, we will be ready at your side ... there is no going back. We will do whatever you tell us."

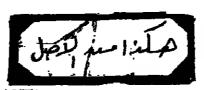
The one area where there were no birthday celebrations was in the Kurdishheld north. whereKurdish children marched through the streets singing the praises of Massoud Barzani, the guerrilla leader. There were no congratulations in the media of the many Arab countries still opposed to Saddam. This regime is still barbouring evil deep within," the Cairo daily alLANDS' END Direct Merchants from America

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# Goodbye to all that

# Margot Norman on the end of boarding schools

ndependent schools have done extraordinarily well to emerge from this recession with a drop of only 0.2 per cent in pupil numbers, as the latest figures from the Independent Schools Information Service show. What parents seem less sure about, though, is the value of sending their children away to boarding school. Here numbers are down for both boys and girls. The recession cannot be the only explanation, for the decline has, after all, been going on for over a decade. Boarding fees are alarming, but then so

Boarding would not have declined during the boom years had it gone on being regarded, as it undoubtedly was until the mid-1970s by the public schools, their imitators and their customers, as a highly valuable if not indispensable social-moral-pedagogical adjunct to the brand of formal education they offer. Leadership training for the Empire had long since become irrelegant for the Empire had long since become irrelevant. but there was still much talk about characterbuilding even as the schools exerted themselves to resemble hotels more closely than penitentiaries. Much of it was guff.

s a veteran of Cheltenham Ladies' College, A never thought sprung mattresses would save girls' boarding schools from eventual eclipse, if not extinction. The day girls always seemed to have the best of it; they got the inspiring teachers, the drama society and the neo-Gothic main building, while we boarders had to put up with inedible food, a matron who pulled hairpins from her greasy bun to lance people's boils, and a long walk to and from the boarding houses, in the course of which flashers, leerers and oglers seemed to lurk behind every bush. Thanks to them my overriding memory is of restrictions, restraints, and yet more

There was, we all felt, an inevitable whiff of the enclosed religious order about girls' boarding schools. We would not inflict it on our daughters. unless we settled in places so remote that it was the only option. As for the altogether jollier, smaller places that catered more to social than educational aspirations, their days were clearly numbered, like their O-level options and their

minute sixth forms. Since the 18th century, when the fame of certain grammar schools, founded and well-endowed long before by kings and bishops. induced gentlemen to send their sons there as boarders, rather than keeping them at home on the estate with a tutor, school nomenclature in this country has been confusing. Those schools became known as "public" schools to distinguish them from local schools, because their pupils

t is hard to find a public school these days — beyond perhaps Eton and Winchester — which draws pupils from all over the country. Catchment areas have shrunk to an area within an hour's drive. And most of the boys' schools have coped with the decline in popularity of traditional boarding by a variety of wheezes, including the importing of girls, day pupils, weekly boarders and an interesting hybrid, the day pupil for whom it is understood boarding facilities are available from time to time to cover rental absences on business

If I say that boarding schools are on their way out. I may be proved as wrong as Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy was when he published The Rise and Fall of the British Nanny just before that redoubtable lady was reborn. But I shall say so anyway, with the proviso that a handful of grand old institutions will survive. In general, single-sex day schools have been knocking spots off the competition in terms of top A-level results and university places. Fewer than a quarter of independent schoolboys now board, and for girls the proportion is nearer a sixth: there are now empty beds even in schools of the calibre of Ampleforth, and as boarding schools retrench and cut staff, they will be seen as progressively less desirable in academic terms.

If the balance really has swung irretrievably, I wonder how much praise or blame should go to mothers who, remembering their own boarding days, have said "Over my dead body" for both sons and daughters. How much should go to fathers who, unlike their own, have spent enough time with their children from infancy to decide they rather enjoy their company, and would miss them if they went away?

Retail customers and small businesses will suffer if Lloyds takes over Midland Bank, argues Neil Bennett

### loyds Bank did not be-come Britain's most prof-High street hold-up The entire staff, from chief executive Brian Pitman down, is obsessed with improving profits

and return on capital. Conse-Lloyds hopes that Midland's leaders. The omens quently, the City regards Mr Pitman with reverence. But account holders will prove just as receptive. With the ink barely Midland's retail customers will dry on Lloyds Bank's plan to cannibalise Midland, small notice a sharp change in the businessmen are worried by the style of the bank if the takeover plan manages to clear some prospect of the merger.

Last summer's row between the banks and small businesses over charges and high handed treatment of customers suggest-ed that competition is weak. All too often, bank managers call the shots and family firms are presented with a "take it or leave it" option. The disappearance of one of the few sources of finance to which they can turn will mean that compension is even weaker.

If Lloyds' bid succeeds, it will control 1.1 million small business accounts and have a market share of more than 30 per cent. In the weeks ahead, Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman of Lloyds, faces an uphill struggle to win over small business

are not at all good. code of practice for small businesses was singled out for criticism by the Forum of Private Business, a pressure group promoting the inter-ests of small-scale

enterprise.

the Lloyds' takeover offer, by contrast, is the cost saving of £700 million a year it can achieve by welding the two businesses together. Despite its past problems, Midland has

The rationale of

six million personal customers and 400,000 small business accounts. Mr Pitman believes he can make more money out of them than anyone else.

20,000 Midland staff who have no place in Mr Pitman's plans. If the bid succeeds. Midmay find their local bank tellers in the Job Centre. He is also planning programme of branch closures. The combined

would reduce this Lloyds: branch closures and redundancy plans

lancy plans to nearer 2,500, although branch rationalisation would probably not begin until the end of next year at the earliest.

Many customers would find their accounts shifted from a local branch to a high street

a network of

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branches. Lloyds

centre in the nearest large town or city. This will not happen immediately, since Lloyds would first need an act of Parliament to allow it to transfer the accounts of Midland customers without their permission.

The closures would also create millions of square feet of empty retail property space. Bank branches are notoriously difficult to sell or re-let. The traditional Edwardian banking hall does not lend itself easily to alternative uses, and many are listed buildings. Empty branches are already a familiar sight due to recent cutbacks. Midland's customers must

now sit impotently while the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and institutional fund managers decide their late, They may of course object to being bought and sold like livestock, and may look for somewhere else to deposit their

The plans of Midland's alternative suitor. Hongkong Bank, could hardly be more different. Hongkong Bank has few opera-tions in Britain and is keen to establish the largest high street presence it can. It plans so few changes to Midland's branch network that its customers would scarcely notice the difference.

Lloyds' £3.7 billion offer is likely to spark off the most acrimonious struggle the City has seen for many years. It will engulf the government the Bank of England, banking unions and even the Chinese government, which wants to safeguard Hong Kong's financial future.

This struggle is likely to last up to a year, and Sir Jeremy may not see its conclusion before retiring next spring. Lloyds will need the approval of the Monopolies Commission and of Midland's shareholders before it can declare itself owner of the Midland. If Lloyds does win, the takeover will have a profound impact on the banking industry and banking customers throughout Britain.

# Billionaire who would be king

Ross Perot is riding a wave of discontent with the Washington establishment, says Peter Stothard

his year, American vot-ers have become like Polish supermarket shoppers: frustrated, angry and convinced that satisfaction comes only from "new products". Although there was plenty of old product on offer here in yesterday's Pennsylvania primary, voters were talking less about Bill Clinton and George Bush, who continued their grinding courses towards nomi-nation, than about the latest "exciting offer" whose name is not yet on any ballot.

formidable regulatory hurdles.

Put bluntly, Lloyds encour-

ages unprofitable customers to

move elsewhere. This began in

1989, when Lloyds was the first

bank to levy a £12 annual fee on

its credit-card holders. More

than a quarter cut up their cards

in protest, but profits rose

because all the debt-laden

cardholders had little choice but

to stay. Lloyds likes customers

with high incomes and large

These customers become tar-gets for Lloyds Abbey Life, the bank's successful life assurance

business. Sales are soaring at

Black Horse Financial Services,

the subsidiary that specialises in

selling to Lloyds' customers, and

debts, or with large deposits.

Texan computer billionaire, Ross Perot, has become talisman of the month. I arrived in Philadelphia three days ago expecting that despite the New York Times headline "Just imagine: it's January 1993 and Ross Perot is the President", few people on the street would recognise the name of the earthy efficiency fanatic from Dallas. Yet an informal afternoon poll around the city's central Rittenhouse Square found that six out of ten knew of his bid for the White House, and foor out of ten who wished they had the chance to vote for him.

As national polls have suggested, interest in Mr Perot was strongest among older, more educated voters. But he has also hit a deeper nerve. In a typical scene of inner-city life, I watched on Sunday as four white boy-scouts decided how to file past the body of Lizzie — short for Lizzard his triends said — a 6ft 3in black male who had stretched himself at length across the sidewalk. During the boys' ballet, I asked the friends of Lizzie who they wanted for president. Two said "Ross Perot" immediately, spitting out that he would "kick the shit out of everything".

These pavement-blockers, according to conventional wisdom, should be outside the political process. Pundit's rule:

people who take their noms de drug from reptiles do not vote. Whether they vote in November or not, one thing is certain: somehow they have absorbed the message of a man whose name, until recently, was best known to General Motors shareholders (whose directors he tried to sack) and airport-lounge readers of On Wings of Eagles, a fictional account of his 1979 attempt to rescue two imprisoned employees from Iran.
The scoutmaster, a registered
Democrat, was even keener on

Mr Perot's candidacy. He said that he could not vote for the "adulterer Clinton", nor for George Bush, whom he called "history's most profligate piler-up of debt". Only Ross Perot had the power and integrity to "clear out the political garbage" and "put America back on its feet after the cold war", he said. "Perotism" is the latest of four-fierce gales of dissent which have driven across the country this year. Patrick Buchanan, Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown have each had their moment and grabbed the "angry third" of the 1992 vote. But Mr Perot, whom yesterday's national opinion polls gave 30 per cent support has two key advantages over his predecessors: first, he is planning a "third party" run outside of the primaries; second.

that he has three billion dollars. For most of the century, and certainly since the dissenting Republican John Anderson was defeated by Ronald Reagan in 1980, third party efforts have been the subject of more wit than worry. There has been no such substantial threat to the system since 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt won 27.5 per cent of the vote with his call for a "new nationalism" to bypass the "husks" of the old parties. Roosevelt, who had failed to win back the Republican nomination against President Taft, said



Perot for president? Republicans and Democrats should not dismiss him too lightly

that his second "Progressive" presidency would be as "the steward of the public welfare". Although Roosevelt lost his battle, Mr Perot has clearly been reading his history. Asked the other day about the ethics of "buying" the presidency, he said that he was buying it back for the people and that he would

e "the people's servant". mination and success is needed.
Unlike George Wallace's seg- to put matters right. regationalist candidacy in 1968. Mr Perot is not aiming to represent a merely regional or sectional interest. His national appeal is a simple one: that the American political system is failing its constituents, and that

a man with a record of deter-

To the politicians running the Republican and Democrat campaigns, Mr Perot's ambitions began as just another distrac-tion. The attitude of Governor Clinton is that when Perotism Is picked to pieces as his own record has been, people will find

plenty to dislike about the Texan too. The Bush campaign managers agree, pointing out Mr Perors authoritarian business methods, lack of political experience, opposition to the Gulf war and support of gun-control.

mentioned to a senior Democrat my encounter with Lizzie and the scoutmaster. "OK, so he gets the boy-scout vote" he replied. Doesn't he keep Baden-Powell books in his office drawer? The black vote is for Clinton. End of story. This year voters want answers, not high-minded crap from comic-book heroes."

Perhaps; but Perotists aim to bypass cynical officials. They do not need their money-raising skills, and are doubtful if party organisation means much more these days. They use toll-free numbers to assess support, and will use so-called "infomercials", 30-minute slots on cable TV. to push their message. Both of these direct-access techniques have been tested this year to great effect by the anti-business outsider, Jerry Brown. A billion-aire might make them work much better — and also back like-minded congressional candidates equally opposed to

"Washington's ways. Top Republicans think they can ride the tiger of Perotism and use it to hurt Bill Clinton. A prominent conservative, Wick Allison, wrote in yesterday's New York Times that Mr Peror's communication skills and probusiness, anti-establishment attitudes could make him a "Democrat Ronald Reagan". Vice-president Dan Quayle said this week that Mr Perot could be the president's real November

opponent.
The Texan offers many familiar ideas -- broad rights to abortion, retribution for drug offenders, more tax for the rich, an end to deficits. Most party apparatchiks are still trying to work out whether Bush or Clinton will be damaged more when this latest focus of fashionable dissent has faded away like his predecessors. From Phila-delphia this week it seems the death-watch may be a long one.

# ...and moreover

orgive me if I seem a little smug this morning. It is one of the penalties. I'm afraid, of being a good Samar-itan: no matter how keenly we attempt to hide our light, even the densest bushel continues to glimmer with that glow of righteousness which, willy-nilly, we paragons exude. If you could see me now, you would cry: there is a man who has been helping somebody as he rolled along! His libbing has not been in vain!

For I have recently been a very busy little philanthropist indeed. I have not stopped forking out on society's flotsam terrorists, fools, thieves, vandals, and all manner of rogues, including a man with an imperceptible bump on his conk which I might have preferred to convert into a perceptible bump. were it not that time of year for me to do good deeds. For it is the moment when all my insurance premiums fail due, and when I am thus required to begin chucking the stuff about like a drunken sailor.

Probably on a drunken sailor. too. You know what it's like in Pompey of a Friday night, you tie on a few, you lurch back to your car, and next thing you know you've sideswiped a dozen innocent parked vehicles. You-could be looking at a bill for £10,000 had anyone been looking at you, but you are back in your hammock before the owners have run downstairs to find what the racket was about, so it is left to insurance companies to pick up the tab; but since that is not the way insurance com-

panies stay solvent, it is I who pick up the tab. I did not mean to single out sailors, of course, that was just a cheap link, I could have singled out the 15-year-old who last week asked for 280 similar offences to be taken into consideration, beinging his into consideration, bringing his total damage for the year to £3,000,000; his mother told the court she couldn't do anything with him, he just liked stealing Porsches and ramming them into other Porsches, and I quite understood. Why should she do anything, e.g. bolt him in the cellar and poke bread-and-water through the catflap for the rest of his life, when there are benefactors like me around? I received my car insurance

renewal notice on Saturday. It came with a nice letter explaining that, despite a no-claimsbonus unthreatened for 30 years, my premium had gone up 25 per cent due to the increase in crime and vandalism. The nice letter further reminded me not to leave my car unlocked, because those who had were also responsible for my pre-miums going up. I, who have never had a claim, thus pay the bill not only for teenage villains who cannot lay their hands on £3,000,000; I pay the bill for dingbats who leave their cars

open for them. I do even more for those who put bombs in the back of them. On Monday, I drove off towards nearby Edgware to buy a frog-but an hour later I was still in Cricklewood because of the traffic jam backed up from the Staples Corner flyover demol- us like that, out here in Samaria.

ished by Irish terrorists, and when I spun the radio dial to find a placebo, I found a spokes-man for the Association of Brit-ish Insurers explaining that the £1.8 billions of damage caused by the bomb would be covered by insurance, because it was an act not of uninsurable war but of terrorism, and we should therefore expect our house premiums to go up by as much as 15 per cent. This, he further explained, was exactly what the IRA wanted, because it hit every Englishman where it hurt. Had I a carphone, I would have phoned Rifkind to tell him to declare war on the IRA and save me a fair few bob, but I do not have one because, yes, you now have to pay an extra premium for insuring them, since they keep getting nicked.

That evening having finally extricated myself from the jam and returned froglessly home, I went out for dinner and found myself sitting next to a 64-yearold, because he was about to retire from a plum job, one of the perks of which was Bupa insurance, and before he left he was going to get his money's worth by having the new beak he had always wanted. Or, rather, my money's worth, since my own Bupa subscription has just shot up as the direct result of a flood of similarly frivolous

snippings. As I say, I would have removed my jacket and given his rhinologist something really major to think about, were I not the saintly egg I am. There's a lot of

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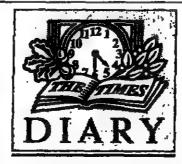
THE DEATH of Francis Bacon was met with surprise in some quarters yesterday. Such was the legendary status of the 82-year-old artist - once described by Mrs Thatcher as "that man who paints those dreadful pictures" - that a few people assumed he had been dead for years. On one occasion Andrew Billen, now deputy editor of The Observer Magazine but then arts correspondent on this paper, was instructed by the news editor to phone Bacon to find out

whether or not he was still alive.
"We had received copy from a foreign agency describing Bacon in the past tense," says Billen. "As soon as he answered the phone I felt the story slipping away". Rivalling Mark Twain's sang froid about reports of his death, Bacon responded to the enquiry by saying: "I am sorry not to be able to help on this occasion".

# Westland revisited

JUST two weeks after becoming industry secretary, Michael Heseltine's worst dreams seem about to come true. The Lloyds Bank bid for the Midland has set him on a potential collision cause with Sir Leon Brittan which is bound to revive memories of the Westland saga, which led to the resignation of both men from the cabinet in 1986.

Lloyds says its proposed £3.7 billion hostile takeover bid should be dealt with by the same regulatory authorities as other bids, be it either our own Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the European Commission in Brussels. The rival bid from the Hongkong Shanghai Bank has already been referred to Brussels, whence a ver-



EC bureaucrats believe that Lloyds wants both bids to be handled in London, and expect British ministers to come under heavy pressure to support referal to the Monopolies Commission. If Heseltine, an avowed interventionist, agrees, the stage will be set for confrontation with the EC. The position could hardly be more ironic. The desk that Heseltine now sits behind at the the Department of Trade and Industry is the same desk his old adversary vacated when he left the government over the Westland affair.

# Don't bank on it

THE Lloyds Bank theatre challenge got off to an inauspicious start yesterday as 40 young theatrical hopefuls cowered in open barges on the wettest day London has seen in months on their way to the Royal National Theatre.

Yet nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the 11 drama groups selected to perform at the Olivier theatre in July. Announcing the winners, Sir Ian McKellen described the chance of performing at the National as akin to young footballers playing at Wem-bley. "What David Mellor calls fun is life for us." he declared. McKellen will miss the final productions at the National in July, as

he will be performing in Denver. But he hopes that Mellor will turn up to see the 60-strong cast of Forest School, Snaresbrook, perform Little Shop of Horrors. "It's about a man-eating plant. I think the minister for the arts should be

■ Andrew Lloyd Webber yesterday revealed why he looked embar-rassed as the £10 million Canaletto he recently bought was un-veiled at the Tate. "I hadn't seen the picture for three months. When I looked again I pointed out a certain detail to Nicholas Serota, the gallery director, and asked him what it was. He told me I had just paid £10 million for a picture of two people pissing against the wall."

> I wouldn't spend a penny there



# Hacked to death

AS Eastern Europe buries its Stalinist past, the National Union of Journalists is poised to embrace the remnants of the discredited communist mafia. The union leadership has tabled a motion to its annual conference next week recommending affiliation to the the International Organisation of

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Journalists. So strong are this body's links with the KGB and Uncle Joe that it has recently been expelled from its Prague headquarters as Czech journalists decided they wanted nothing to do with the outfit.

If the NUJ accepts its leaders' advice and affiliates, British journalists will be able to participate in the IOJ's varied activities on behalf of press freedom. Most re-cently it held seminar on the subject in Pyongang, North Korea, and in June NUJ delegates will be invited to pack their bags for a conference on "Human Rights in the 21st century" in that other well known centre of journalistic free-

# Word imperfect

THE conflict in the Balkans has sent shockwaves through the rarified backrooms of Broadcasting House, where BBC specialists are wrestling with the pronunciation of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Commentators are finding Herzegovina a particularly troublesome word and, while television and domestic radio are offering one version. rhyming with Sheena, their colleagues on the World Service have opted for one more akin to governor. "We have not been using the word for long and opinion remains divided. says a BBC official.

Canvassing among Bosnians in London yesterday proved equally fruitless — they are themselves unsure of the pronunciation in Eng-

 Bill Deedes was delighted to be invited to address a meeting of the London Diarists Luncheon Club at the Ritz yesterday. "Since Denis Thatcher stopped writing me those letters in Private Eye, I don't get invited anywhere any

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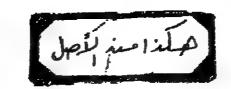
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# LLOYDS PLAYS MONOPOLY

Ten years ago the big four high street banks shut their branches halfway through the afternoon, levied charges on all their customers and refused to pay interest on current accounts. When building societies moved into retail banking in the 1980s, the competition led to later closing times and Saturday opening, the abolition of bank charges for accounts in credit, interest on current accounts and the world's most advanced cash dispensing. Competition worked. Lloyds Bank's proposed £3.7 billion bid for Midland threatens that competition. There is no prima facie case for it.

Monopolies legislation should be invoked. Lloyds currently has 1,915 United Kingdom branches, and Midland, 1,830. The combined group would overtake Barclays and NatWest, the top two banks. Large corporate clients, who can also borrow from foreign banks and directly from the financial markets, might be relatively unscathed by a merger. Retail customers, as long as they were in credit, might vote with their accounts. Worst hit would be small businesses, lending to whom is perhaps the banks' most important role in making the economy healthy. A Lloyds/Midland conglomerate would control 30 per cent of that market.

Small businesses are as captive as bank customers can be. They need to win a bank manager's confidence in order to negotiate loans. Switching banks may be impossible if the business is running an overdraft. The banks have already exploited their power by refusing to cut rates on small business borrowing as fast as on other lending rates. A reduction from four to three big lenders would strengthen their position further.

Lloyds argues that "more balanced" competition would benefit the customer. "More balanced" appears to mean Lloyds in first place instead of fourth. The bank claims that the savings that would result from merging branches "would flow through to customers, staff and shareholders of both banks". The best way of cost savings being passed onto customers is through open competition, not

the smooth words of corporate bosses. If 20,000 staff need to lose their jobs, let them go because of market pressure.

Ironically Lloyds, the smallest of the big four, has recently proved that biggest is not best Last year its profits were higher than those of its rivals. Having sensibly held back from the rush for diversification after the City's "big bang" in 1986, Lloyds has shown that specialisation and caution pays. It now wants to swallow a less efficient but bigger rival, largely because that rival is threatening to become bigger still, and jump to biggest bank of all. Such breakneck expansion rarely leads to greater efficiency. It is corporate gigantism at its most manic.

Lloyds has demanded that the government give it special dispensation for its bid. It is worried that its bid would be investigated and possibly stopped by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission while the rival bid for Midland, by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, would be vetted only by the European Commission, a much shorter process. It wants the government to refer Hongkong's bid to the MMC too.

The trade secretary, Michael Heseltine. should stop his ears against Lloyds' siren voice. Failure to do so would make a nonsense of the government's competition policy. Banking is the economy's lubricant. affecting almost every adult in Britain. Hongkong's bid would have no direct effect on domestic competition, though it is a proper subject for European regulation. Lloyds' bid clearly would have a direct effect. The market is dominated by four players and, despite the deregulation of the 1980s. could do with even more competition.

If Brussels tries to scrutinise the Lloyds bid in addition to the Hongkong one, Mr Heseltine should invoke the clause that allows member states to do the vetting instead. But he should feel no obligation to trest the two bids equally. One reduces competition; the other does not. Mr Heseltine cannot pretend there is no difference

# CHALLENGE FOR LABOUR

The election taking place on July 18 is of no small significance. It could select the next prime minister of Great Britain. It will certainly choose the leader of the official Opposition. It will also revivify a body of 271 Labour MPs whose defeat in the recent general election should not conceal the fact that they have been returned to Westminster in much greater numbers, younger, fitter and presumably hungry for power next time round.

John Smith will almost certainly beat Bryan Gould in this election and Margaret Beckett will almost certainly beat John Prescott to become his deputy. But their victories will be tainted by the manner of their election. Last night the list of competitors for the leadership race was at last determined after qualifying procedures which have confused and infuriated just about everybody. Nomination rules which require that any candidate has the backing of 20 per cent of Labour MPs - 55, at present strength — have been twisted to ensure that there is at least the appearance of a contest. Some supporters of Mr Smith were even encouraged by his camp to nominate Mr Gould, to make sure he reached the 55.

This squabbling has at least ensured Labour has a choice and a chance to debate its policies. So far Mr Smith has merely dropped hints of possible and imprecise changes in organisation and policy. The virtue of Mr Gould's candidacy is that he has challenged some of the central planks of Labour's pre-election policies: its naive Euroenthusiasm; its opposition to devaluation within the exchange-rate mechanism; its tax and spending policies; the concerns of voters in the south of England as opposed to those

in the north, Scotland and Wales. The difficulty for Mr Gould is that the more he emphasises these doubts, the more he risks alienating fellow Labour MPs who fought the election on that programme. All but four of the pre-election shadow cabinet are publicly backing Mr Smith, and his manifesto remains more or less that on which Mr Kinnock went to the nation on April 9. After the 1987 defeat, Labour initiated a policy review of far-reaching consequences. The danger now is that Labour will flinch from an equally drastic examination and Mr Gould at least offers it that opportunity.

The great flaw in this procedure is the electoral college on which the election is based, giving the trade unions 40 per cent of the vote, against 30 per cent each for Labour MPs and constituency parties. Nobody now admits to liking this. The leading candidates agree that this system should be replaced by a mix of voting by MPs and party members, excluding the union element. But the new leader and deputy leader will be elected under the existing system. Even though the candidates have urged that the unions should conduct full ballots of members rather than just consultations in branches, several big unions have refused to hold full ballots. Yesterday the National Union of Public Employees became the first to say it would hold such a ballot.

Mr Smith and Miss Beckett have so far been reluctant to say they will submit themselves for re-election under new rules they say they eventually want to see, with the union vote eliminated from the procedure. That is the minimum they must promise if each victory is not to look like a rigged exercise controlled by trade union general secretaries. Both the frontrunners now need to say how they would change Labour rather than play for safety. Their victories may seem beyond doubt, but the way they win could yet damage the authority of their future

# HARD CHEESE

The rise and fall of Lymeswold is a fable for our time. The moral is that cheese grows better from the grass-roots upwards than from bureaucracy downwards. Politicians and civil servants and nationalised industries have their uses but cheese-making is not one of them. This adult form of milk is better created by cows and other herbivores, and by the farmers and cheese-makers and indusmialists who have to make a living from coagulating, compressing, and usually ripening their milk curds. Their livelihood depends on their producing something that people want to eat. If they do not get the recipe right, they go out of business.

Lymeswold, a soft cheese introduced as Britain's blue answer to such famous French cheeses as Camembert and Brie, was launched ten years ago. It was the invention of Dairy Crest, the commercial subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board, at a cost of 55 million. The cheese was thus the product of a nationalised industry, curiously surviving in a dustier corner of Margaret Thatcher's economy. Mrs Thatcher never

trusted the private sector with milk. The cheese's home was Aston, a suburb of Birmingham and by no means cow country. Bad omens hovered about its birth. It was introduced by the then Minister of Agriculture, Peter Walker, who fed it to his Old English sheepdog. The marketing department came up with a name to convey the enchantment of upland English pastures. Unfortunately it was only an initial letter different from the town of Wymeswold in Leicestershire, which is Stilton country. It also lent itself to

distortion by food snobs as Slimeswold. Lymeswold proved an archetypal massproduced cheese necessarily made from pasteurised milk to avoid the terror of listeria.

In spite of its bucolic PR image, it was the cheesy equivalent of keg beer to real ale, masquerading as hish and local when it was industrial. The new cheese, at least when ripe, was not completely bad, but like most products of a government cartel, it was expensive. Dairy Crest released stocks before they were properly matured and instead of being soft and pungent, many early batches were sold when hard and chalky in the middle. Demand for Lymeswold fell and kept on falling.

British cheese has long been cursed by over-regulation of the dairy industry. Neither Mrs Thatcher nor John Major has pressed as hard as they should have for reform. Cheese is milk's leap forward into immortality. Famous British cheeses such as Cheddar, Stilton, Wensleydale and Dorset Blue Vinny are the best of their types in the world. But they grew naturally on farms, like the great cheeses of France. The Milk Marketing Board is the Whitehall-sponsored enemy of such manufacture. The board starves British mature cheddar producers of milk to protect its favoured companies, while other British dairy farmers pour their surplus down the drain. Britain now imports five times as much "cheddar" from its EC partners as it expc is. Over this lunacy presides the former chairman of Mrs Thatcher's Conservative

party, John Gummer. Let a thousand moulds bloom. Cheese is one of the oldest and best foods in the world, and there is no reason why Britain cannot curdle a soft blue cheese as well as the splendid hard cheeses that it has been making for many centuries. But it will come from cows and cheese-makers, not from those whose natural products are directives

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Back to 11-plus: sense and selectivity at secondary level

school. That debate should include

the curriculum, the professional dev-

elopment of teachers, the aspirations

of parents, the requirements of the

economy, the state of school build-

ings, and the need to improve re-

sources. Until that takes place, one

fears that the prime minister's desire

for a "classless society" is just another

From the General Secretary of the Society of Education Officers

Sir. Your leading article's arguments

against the return to a selective

system of secondary schools are

cogent and valid and the new Secretary of State should heed them.

permission to change character to

become selective there are not as yet.

to my knowledge, any requirements as to how selection shall be made. At

least under the old 11-plus system,

for all its faults, the selection was (and still is in those LEAs with

scientive schools) carried out impar-

tially and uniformly through the

LEA by officers with no axe to grind.

Will heads and governors of grant-maintained schools use only "aca-

demic" means, or will they be able to

devise their own, or will they have the

freedom long enjoyed by indepen-

dent schools to accept or reject for

government wants all secondary

schools to become grant-maintained

(and they all become selective, as intended in Wandsworth), what hap-

pens to those 11-year-olds selected by

no one? Will LEAs have to build new

schools to accommodate them, and

wili those schools in turn eventually

How long will it be before grant-

maintained primary schools are

allowed to become selective, and

what criteria will they use to select

Sir. You assert that "roughly a third"

of the 219 grant-maintained schools

are "in the process of ... changing

their character', code for becoming

There is no evidence that as many

as a third are seeking to "change

their character". Furthermore, that

phrase can cover, for instance, the

11 instead of 12, or the reinstate-

ment of a sixth form, or a number of

other such changes - none of which

You also press the new Secretary of

State to declare for or against

countrywide selection at 11 - appar-

ently on the basis of an application

by a West Yorkshire grant-main-

tained school to admit pupils (if

oversubscribed) by reference to abil-

ity, and of a suggestion that Wands-

worth might make all its secondary

schools selective. There is no need

either for such a declaration, or for

I am sorry that you see "local council schools" as likely to become

"third class". If you regard schools

which serve less-able pupils as in-

ferior and all schools as doomed to

become selective, that is a possible

conclusion; but it is based on two

premises that neither I nor those who

work in grant-maintained schools

amounts to selection.

any single pattern.

edmission of boarders or of pupils at

become grant-maintained?

4 2-year-olds?

Yours faithfully,

DENNIS HATFIELD,

20 Bedford Way, WC1.

From Mr Andrew Turner

General Secretary, Society of Education Officers,

If, as we are led to believe, the

quite other reasons?

Though schools will have to obtain

empty promise.

Yours sincerely.

April 27.

DOUG MCAVOY,

General Secretary,

Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1.

From the General Secretary of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association

Sir. Your leading article, "Back to the 11-plus". April 27), is not only timely, but of crucial importance to the government and all concerned with education.

My association would agree with its conclusion that the first public statement by the new education secretary must be to clarify govern-ment policy towards comprehensive education, selection, and the 11-

Without such a clear statement now, there is serious threat to the whole stability of the school system, as schools and local authorities scramble to adopt individual policies for defensive or other reasons.

To allow a return to selection by stealth would be an abdication of responsibility by Mr Patten for the millions of children and people who work in our schools.

It would result in chaos throughout the school system, with neither parents nor teachers knowing which way to turn. It would also result in destabilising the present structure, bringing with it loss of confidence and, in many cases, jobs.

If the government has a secret

agenda for scrapping comprehensive education and a return to selection it must end the secrecy, and have the courage to say so publicly. Parents, teachers, governors, and not least. the local authorities would know exactly where they stood.

My association remains opposed to a return to selection for exactly the same reason it has always opposed the 11-plus. It is an unfair, and provenly unfair, system, especially for the so-called "failures"

The government and the prime minister must also address the question of how their belief in parental choice fits in with opt-out schools, and schools and governors that favour selection. A statement from Mr Patten is urgently called for.

Yours faithfully. PETER SMITH, General Secretary. Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, 7 Northumberland Street, WC2.

April 27.

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir. Your editorial rightly identifies the key issues facing secondary education: the growth of "opted out" schools, the covert reintroduction of selection, and the need for an open, national debate about the nature of secondary education for the 1990s and beyond.

The National Union of Teachers has never disguised its view that the growth of the grant-maintained sector would inexorably lead to selection of pupils. Indeed, there is already considerable evidence from many areas that this is occurring. Previous education secretaries have always claimed this would increase "parental choice". What is actually increased is the schools' choice: the ability of schools to select those pupils whom they want and to exclude those whom they do not.

Many of today's parents them-selves experienced the pain of selection when they were pupils. They know that the process was a cause of considerable stress for the four outof five youngsters who attended the secondary modern school and of pleasure only to the one who gained a place at the grammar school. That is why parents have stated their sunport for the continuance of comprehensive education in their localities when threatened with the prospect of

the reintroduction of selection. What is really needed is a national debate about what makes an effective

Life on Chalkhill estate

From Mr Charles Wood and Chief

Sir. In Life & Times (April 24)

Valerie Grove reports a number of

comments by Ken Livingstone, MP,

about the Chalkhill housing estate in

Brent, depicting the estate as beset

by crime. He finished by saying that

Such comments do little to help the

people who live on the estate and who

have to live with this undeserved

reputation. They also ignore the

positive work being done in partner-

ship by the local authority and the

police to improve the quality of life on

Among the initiatives underway

and already bearing fruit is a

comprehensive programme to refur-

bish the estate by removing the bad

'it's a riot waiting to happen".

Superintendent Eric Brown

design areas which lead to crime and by installing concierge schemes in the blocks. We have also just opened a "police shop" on the estate to provide a more local focus to policing in the area. Crime levels have been falling dramatically in the refur-bished areas.

Comments such as Livingstone's only serve to reinforce a reputation that no longer bears much resemblance to life on the Chalkhill estate. Yours sincerely.

**CHARLES WOOD** (Chief Executive. London Borough of Brent). FRIC BROWN (Chief Superintendent. Wembley Police Division). Brent Town Hall. Forty Lane. Wembley, Middlesex.

# Student politics

the estate.

From Mr Lewis Robinson

Sir, The statement by the Conservarive Students group, quoted in Matthew d'Ancona's article about the National Union of Students (Education Times, April 20), that voluntary membership will "liberate students from the last closed shop", is ill-founded and unrealistic.

Although many students do not participate in student politics and elections, all students benefit from the collective welfare and social services that the services arm of the union provides. Voluntary membership would destroy the ability of the services organisation to obtain discounted goods for student unions.

Voluntary membership has led to Conservatives on campus being seen as bad losers, hindering the election of Conservative student union sabbaticals. Those who are elected

soon realise that a national student body is needed, but it should not be abused by Labour student careerists. A far more constructive argument is that the NUS should be returned to a much more service-oriented structure, by moving it into charitable status, or restoring the clause in its constitution restricting its remit

to educational issues. It is time not only for a reassessment of Conservative students' policy as the NUS gradually reforms itself. but for us to go back into the union. Meanwhile, there are thousands of students across the country whom we are denying the opportunity to vote for Conservatives in NUS elections.

LEWIS ROBINSON Student Tory Reform Group), 176 Moseley Road, Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

Yours faithfully.

The pursuit of certainty in an uncenain world is an understandable human trait, particularly strong in the bureaucrat. The schools which get ahead - for the benefit of staff, pupils and local communities - are those which are prepared to take risks. Grant-maintained status has, in every grant-maintained school, been a risk that has paid off.

Your obedient servant, ANDREW TURNER (Director). Choice in Education. National Union of Teachers, 36 Great Smith Street, SWI. April 27.

From Dr Judith Scott

Sir, Donald Naismith, Wandsworth's Director of Education, accuses grant-maintained schools, such as this one in the borough, of thwarting parental choice by remaining as comprehensive schools rather than choosing to become selective (report, April 27). Nothing could be further from the truth.

Two years ago all Wandsworth secondary school governing bodies, with overwhelming parental sup-port, unanimously rejected Mr Naismith's proposal to turn our schools into specialist "magnet" schools. We all opposed this policy precisely because it would have resulted in a two-tier system, with those schools specialising in academic subjects being regarded, effectively, as grammar schools.

Having failed to persuade us of the wisdom of magnet schools, Mr Naismith tried to use financial pressure to force schools down that path. Some of us very quickly realised that the only way to maintain the comprehensive ethos which our parents like was to opt out of local authority control.

We always knew that a fourth Conservative term would herald the resurgence of grammar schools and that Wandsworth would be the seedbed for it. But clearly such a policy has very little parental support here. not least because at least 70 per cent of children would fail to be selected for such schools, thereby ending up in the equivalent of the old secondary moderns.

Grammar schools choose pupils not vice versa. For Mr Naismith to argue that the introduction of these schools would enhance parental choice is disingenuous indeed.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH SCOTT (Chairman of Governors). Burntwood School. Burntwood Lane. Wandsworth, SW17. April 27.

From Mr George Crowther

Sir. So Wandsworth is to choose pupils for a CTC (city technology college) education at the age of eight (report, April 24). The 11-plus was found wanting; so what chance is there for an 8-plus?

Children of eight are not little adults: their brains, whatever their potential, are only partially developed. Who knows what the future holds for them? Must we be rigidly

Most children of eight have an interest in practical toys. Others will testify to their child's interest in music, ballet, or drawing. These interests are a vital part of a child's development, but most children do not sustain them because they grow and develop, their interests change, and they move on to other activities.

Children of eight should not be pigeon-holed into a particular type of education.

Yours faithfully, G. R. CROWTHER (Chartered educational psychologist), Little Hill, Colley Manor Drive, Reigate Heath, Reigate, Surrey.

### Trappings of English From Mr Richard Odgers

Sir, Mr Eric Adler's daughter (lener, April 23) will need to explain to her students the matutinal behaviour of Hilaire Belloc's "Aunt Jane", who was "up before anyone's down — that is, down before anyone's up".

Yours faithfully, RICHARD ODGERS, The Coach House, Leeson, Langton Matravers. Swanage, Dorset.

From Mr Charles Quinn Sir. We talk about bringing up a child, bringing up a subject, bring-ing up your dinner. It's enough to bring you out in a rash. Yours faithfully

CHARLES QUINN. Park Cottage, Park Lane. Ashtead, Surrey.

From Mr Nick Milner-Gulland Sir. No sooner are our children

sitting down (or up) for their meal than they are wondering whether to ask permission to get up or down at Yours sincerely

NICK MILNER-GULLAND (Headmaster). Cumnor House School. Nr Haywards Heath, Sussex.

From Mr Julian Treyer-Evans Sir, In Sussex we go up the Downs. Yours faithfully. JULIAN TREYER-EVANS. Magnolia House, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. Sussex.

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### Women victims of porn industry From Ms Rachel Wingfield

Sir, The article by Caroline Sullivan on Penthouse's new magazine. For Women ("More sex with your beefcake", April 15) states that "femaledirected sex magazines are not virgin territory". It may be true that there are a lew token women editors in the pornography industry, but they do not have power or control in it.

The British porn industry grosses more profits than the mainstream record and film industries combined. Those who run, own and profit from it are certainly not women — and certainly not the women who appear in the films and magazines which female editors are

employed to legitimate.

For Women is the latest attempt by the porn industry to legitimate itself. Of course the male nudes in this magazine are necessary, to answer Caroline Sullivan's question. Without them the industry would not be able to say, "look, porn isn't a problem, it's not about male power -

women have porn too". Somehow, women are expected to give up protesting about the way women are treated in the porn industry world-wide (particularly in the Third Worldi, and not to mind any longer that pomography consistently equates male sexual pleasure violence and domination. because there are a couple of magazines on the market showing "glam-

our" pictures of men. isabelle Koprowski, managing editor of the Penthouse company. argues that there is no link between pornography and sexual violence. Of course, no one is simplistically arguing that a man rapes a woman with a porn magazine in one hand. What is known, however, especially to people like myself who work for the Campaign Against Pomography, is that the world around us, including what we read and see, influences our

behaviour. If men are educated to equale power and violence with sexual pleasure, then this provides a social context where violence against women becomes more acceptable.

Yours etc., RACHEL WINGFIELD, London Women's Centre, Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, WC2.

### Afghan turmoil From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, As your leader on Afghanistan suggests ("Tribal turmoil", April 27). it could indeed be unhelpful to Ahmad Shah Masood for the West prematurely to recognise the regime he backs, thus labelling him as the stooge of the Infidel in the eyes of the Islamic fundamentalists and assisting the cause of Guibuddin Hekmatyar.

Nevertheless, to suggest that "outside backing for Mr Masood will only prolong the war" is laughable. All sides in Afghanistan, including the recently fallen government, were able to fight only because of outside backing. There will be no shortage of Islamic money and weapons for Mr Hekmatvar.

For the countries of the West to deny materiel to the one leader who offers some prospect of peace to this unhappy country would be a grave dereliction of duty.

Yours faithfully, JULIAN BRAZIER. House of Commons. April 27.

### Canaletto loan From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir. It is the greatest pleasure to see today's coloured photograph of Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber in the Tate Gallery beside his magnificent Canaletto of Horseguards which he is lending to the gallery for everyone's

On behalf of Heritage in Danger I express grateful thanks and admiration for his most generous loan. I feel sure that countless others will be equally delighted to see this beautiful picture in the heart of London.

Yours faithfully HUGH LEGGATT (Secretary, Heritage in Danger). 17 Duke Street. St James's, SW1. April 28.

### A golden standard From Mr W. Baird

Sir, Dr Terence Barnett (letter, April 22) will no doubt be pleased to know that the pre-war cost of entry to the splendid and publicly-owned Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh is still the same today. But do not let the Treasury know: admission is still

Yours faithfully. W. BAIRD. 8 Strathearn Road, North Berwick, East Lothian.

From Mr Richard E. Hollox

Sir, Dr Barnett may wish to be reminded that it is still possible to purchase all the land from the Old Kent Road to Mayfair at its pre-war

Yours faithfully RICHARD E. HOLLOX, 53 Tor Bryan, Ingatestone, Essex. April 24.



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 28: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, today inspected The Queen's Company, Grena-

dier Guards, at Windsor Castle. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the Regimental Lieutenant Colonel (Major General Bernard Gordon Lennox), the Regimental Adjutant (Lieutenant Colonel James Tedder) and the Commanding Officer, First Battalion. (Lieutenant Colonel Robert Cartwright).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robin Janvrin and Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Johnston were in

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, attended a lunch given by The Queen's Company, Grenadier Guards, at Windsor Castle. Captain George Rocke was in attendance.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** April 28: The Duke of York today visited Merseyside and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr

Henry Cotton).
His Royal Highness this morning visited Plessington High School in Bebington and opened

The Duke of York later opened the Moreton Community Centre, Maryland Lane, Moreton, His Royal Highness sub-sequently attended the National

union of Marine Association and Shipping Transport Officers Open Day at Mariners' Park. Wallasey. Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 28: The Princess Royal today visited Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-

Edwards).

Her Royal Highness, President.

The Princess Royal Trust for
Carers, attended a Carers Meesing ar St David's Hail.

The Princess Royal then
opened the County Music
Department and Principality
Building Society, at the Princy

Building Society, at the Friary Her Royal Highness afterwards opened the Annual Conference of the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives at St David's

Hall.
Finally, The Princess Royal,
President, Riding for the Disabled Association, opened the
holiday accommodation at the

Clwyd Special Riding Centre, Lianfynydd, Wretham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Licatemant for Clwyd (Sir William Gladstone Bt).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-

CLARENCE HOUSE April 28: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Ruth, Lady

Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 28: The Princess of Wales today visited Derbyshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colo-nel Peter Hilton). Her Royal Highness this morn-

ing opened the Riddings Park unity Centre at the Park, West Street. Riddings.
The Princess of Wales sub-sequently visited the Whitemoor Day Centre at John O'Gaunt

Way, Belper.
Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Babington Hospital
Day Unit at Derby Road, Belper. Finally, the Princess of Wales, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, opened the Red Cross Centre at Babington Hospital, Derby

Road, Belper.
Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this eve ning attended the Gala Premiere of Howards End at the Curzon Cinema, Mayfair, in aid of the Vational Association of Materna and Child Welfare and the Vari-

ety Club of Great Britain. The Lady Glenconner was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 28: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, St Peters Research Trust, today opened the new St Peter's Hospital Specialist Centre for Urology and Kidney Disease, at the Middlesex Hosoital Site. London W1.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening attended a Royal Gala Concert in aid of the National Trust's Stowe Landscape Gardens Appeal at the Royal Festival Hall, London

Mrs Michael Wigley and Ma-jor Nicholas Barne were in

ST JAMES'S PALACE

April 28: The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the United Kingdom Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences, this morning re-ceived Sir Peter Parker, Mr Geoffrey Noian and Miss Deb-orah Buill. Hls Royal Highness, Colone

Scots Guards, today received Brigadier Michael Scott. The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a concert in aid of the National Arts Collection Fund at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs

Eleanor McLaughlin, the Rt Hon the Lord Provos Mrs Fiona Henderson was in

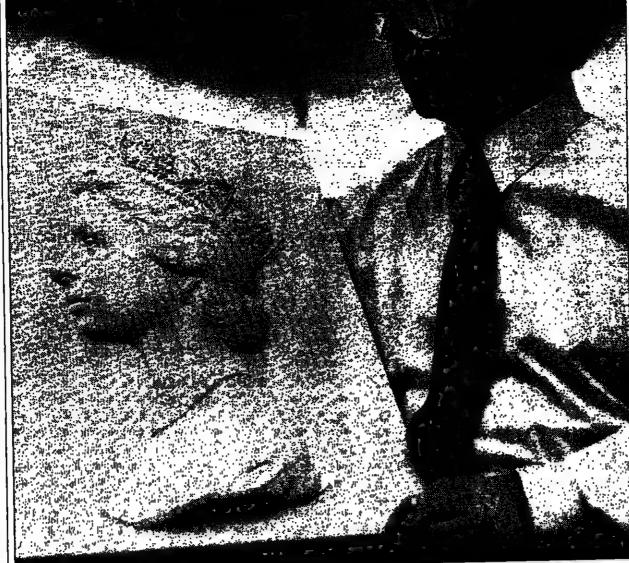
# Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a dinner party at Windsor Castle at 8.30. The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Appeal, will visit nurses and Fund Appeal, will visit nurses and patients at the Beatson Oncology Unit. Bearsden, Glasgow, at 11.05: as President of The Prince's Trust, will visit the Trust's Study Support Centre, St Leonard's Secondary School, Easterhouse, at 12.15: as President of Scottish Business in the Community, will attend a meeting at Motorola, Bathgate, at 1.45: and, as President of The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, will meet grant and loan

recipients of the trust with their advisers at 2.30.

The Princess Royal, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will at-tend a court meeting followed by huncheon at Innholders' Hall at 10.45; as Patron of the Cranfield Trust, will attend a reception at the Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield Institute of Tech nology, at 3.00; and, as Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.45.
The Duke and Duchess of

Gloucester will attend a dinner at the Intercontinental hotel at 7.45 to celebrate the centenary of the



Douglas Muir, curator of philately at the National Postal Museum, examines a scuipture by Arnold Machin of the Queen's head, on which many of the stamps bearing her image are based. An exhibition opened yesterday at the museum in London showing many of the 1,500 stamp designs created during the Queen's reign

Giggleswickians' Day is on June

27 and the Choral Concert in

27 and the Choral Concert in Chapel on July 8, will include C.P.E. Bach's Magnificat. Term ends on July 11, when the Chief Guest at Cameral Hall Specification of the Medical Officers of Schools Association.

The Summer Term begins at Moulsford Preparatory School today. Jonathan Green is Head Boy and Jonathan Perkins, Captain of Cricket. The Summer Ball the held on Septrating June 27.

will be held on Saturday, June 27,

and Prize Giving will take place on Wednesday, July 1, when the Guest of Honour will be Mr D. Christle, Warden of St Edward's

North London Collegiate Sch

Term began yesterday and ends on July 8. Music Theatre and Chamber Groups Week will be

July 13-17, and Arts Week with Drawing, Painting, Screen Printing and Photography classes from July 20-24. Leavers of '72 are holding a reunion lunch on Sat-

urday. June 13 and the ONLA is

holding a Barn Dance on Sat-urday, June 27. Tickets and information from Barbara Na-

Kintbury, Berks, racing journalist and author, left estate valued at

Mr John Bernard Thele, of London SW10, left estate valued

at £371,455 net.

He left £2,000, some effects and half the residue to personal legacets, and half the residue to Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Mr Edwin James Powell, of Whaddon, Bucks, left estate val-ued at £2,406,161 net.

than (telephone: 081-950 7667).

£541,782 net.

# School news

Giggleswick School Summer Term began on April 21. Kurt Atkinson continues as Head of School, Bandar Abdul-Jauwad is Chairman of the Dutton Sixth Form Centre and Oliver White Captain of Cricket. There will be a Reunion for Old Giggleswickians who left between Giggleswickians who left between 1975 and 1985 at the School on May 2. The Assistant Bishop of Bradford will conduct a Service of Confirmation in St Alkelda's Parish Church on May 3. The Old Giggleswickans' May Ball will be held at the Parkway Hotel, Leeds, on May 9, and the Yorkship. on May 7.

Preparatory Schools' Music Day at Cameral Hall on May 12. The Young Friends of Shakespeare's Globe Committee will welcome

Mr Sam Wanamaker, Founder and Executive Vice-Chairman of the International Shakespean Globe Centre, to a Drama Festi-16. The Chief Guest at Speech Day on May 23, will be Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt, the Lord Lieusenant of North Yorkshire, and the Preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Very Reverend Lawrence Jackson, the Provost of Blackburn. The Chapel Choir will sing Choral Eucharist in Liverpool Cathedral on May 28. Old

Latest wills

Sir John Piowman Ricks, of Barnet, Herts, Solicitor of the Post Office 1953-72, left estate valued at £287,641 net. Mr John Percy Gott, of Kenley, left estate valued at Surrey, left £259,807 net.

He left family legacies totaliting £10,000 and the restour to "my College" Trinky Harl, Cambridge. Mr Roger Francis Mortimer, of

DEATHS

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LANCASTER-JONES - On April 25th 1992, peacefully. Eleanor Joyce the Chapman), widow of Ernest Lancaster-Jones. Sadly missed. Funeral on Trusslay May 5th at 1.30 pm at Slough Crematorium. Stoke Road, Slough. Flowars and all enquiries to F.G. Pymm & 3on. 65/57 Moorthridg Road, Maddenhead, Berks. SL6 BLT, tel: (0628) 23822.

# Receptions were among the guests at a reception to launch the European Policy Forum hosted by Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Chairman of

Corporation of London Alderman Sir Peter Gadade Lord Mayor locum tenens, and Lady Gadsden, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs John Perring, amended a reception given by the Corporation of London last night in Guildhall in recognition of the election of Dr Hugh John, Medical Officer of Health for the Port and City of London, as Chairman of the Royal Society of Health.

European Policy Forum
The Prime Minister and the
Governor of the Bank of England

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 61; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 51; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 50; Miss Brenda Dean, trades unionist, 49; Mrs Ruth Deech, principal, 5t Anne's Coll-ega, Oxford, 49; General Sir Peter de la Billière, 58; Mr Lonnie Donegan, musician, 61; His Donegan, musician, 61: His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 71: Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Constable, Misser Telephone Chief

Strathciyde, 62; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 68; Professor David Johns, vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 61: Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 65: Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 45; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor. 56: Mr Johnny Miller, golfer, 45; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 74; General Sir Patrick Palmer, 59; Lord Rothschild, 56; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, conductor, 87; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal party, 63; Mr David Tindle, painter, 60; Professor Heinz Wolff, bioengineer, 64; Mr Fred Zinneman, film director, 85.

Service dinner

the Cruncil, at 20 Queen Arine's

Essex Yeomanny Lieutenant General Sir Edward Howard-Vyse was Guest of Hon-our at the Annual Dinner of the Essex, Yeomany Dinner Club held at the Cavalry and Guards Chib last night. Major General T.A. Richardson presided.

Dinner

Forum UK The Baroness Denton of Wake-field, CBE, presided at a dimner-held last night at the Hyatt Cariton Tower. The guest speaker was Howard Davies, Controller of Audit, the Audit Commission.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Dr W.H.B. Denner to be Chief Scientist (Food) to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. He succeeds Dr M.E. Knowies, who resigned last year.

Mr P. Locke to be Secretary of the Church Commissioners, in succession to Mr J. E. Shelley, who retires in June.

# Forthcoming marriages

and Dr C.E. Urch

The engagement is announced

between Andrew, son of Mr

and Mrs Timothy George,

Mr N.J. Kempaer and Miss R.A. Alexander

Major General R. Lyon and Miss R.J. Allchin

and MISS K.A. Alexander
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, son of the late Mr
and Mrs Victor Kempner, of
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire,
and Rosalind, elder daughter of
McRosalid Alexander, CRE, of St.

Mr Ronald Alexander, CBE, of St Andrews, Fife, and Mrs George Dobry, of Belgravia, London.

The engagement is announced

between Bob Lyon, of Woodside,

Braemar, Aberdeenshire, and

Rosemary, younger daughter of the late Mrs Rosamond Allchin,

and of Mr Gerald Allchin, of

Mr W. Rhea Bettendorf and Miss S.K. Davies The engagement is announced between William, younger son of

Mr and Mrs James R. Bettendorf,

of Memphis. Tennessee, and Sarah Katherine, only daughter

of Mr and Mrs Raiph Davies, of Liantwit Major. South

The engagement is announced between Tony, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sparks, of Leatherhead,

Surrey, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Ramsey, of Kensington, Liverpool.

essa, Torquay, Devon.

Kathmandu. Nepal, and Ogbourne St George, Wiltshire, and Katie, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Urch, of Richmond,

Mr D.M. Battle and Miss E.K. Read

SIMON WALKER

The engagement is announced between Matthew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Battle, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Read, of Alderley, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.G. Burchnall and Miss A.J. Wood

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr Benjamin Burchnall, of Moreton-in-the-Marsh and Mrs Jennifer Burchnall, of Meysey Hampton, Cirencester, and Annabel Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Wood, of Helister House, Riding Mill. Northumberland.

Mr G. Defries and Miss E.P.J. Sandbach

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr N. Defries, Merstham, Surrey, and the late Mrs Betty Defries, and Emma, daughter of Mr H.A.S. Sandbach and the Hon Mrs Glennie, Chiswick,

Mr J. Fern and Miss V.M. Johnson The engagement is announced between Jeremy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Fern, of Carehalton Survey and Art. Carshalton, Surrey, and Victoria Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Johnson, of Callipers Hall Farm, Quickmoor Lane, Chipperfield, Hert-

Mr J.R. Franch

and Miss R. Davis
The engagement is announced
between John French, widower of
Mrs Catherine French, of Sideun, Kent, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mrs Dorothy Davis and the late Mr H.A. Davis, of Ruxley Cottage, Sideup, Kent.

A celebration of the life of Mr

Robert Gittings was held yes-terday at St James's, Piccadilly. Miss Suphanie Cole and Mr

Christopher Fry read from the

Hanty and Robert Gittings and Mr Terence Allbright, plano, played Schubert's Moment Musi-

cale Nos 1, 3 and 6 and Frühlingsglaube (Faith in

Spring. Among others present

Were Cittings Do Manton) (widow), Mr and Mr Robert Cittings and Mr and Mr John Ghrings foons and daughteri-in-law), Mrisc Clare Ginings (daughteri-lin-law), Mr Davidson and Dr Charlotts Johnston, turp-son-la-law, and step-daughteri, Mr Danny Ghrings, Mr Davidson, Schleet, Mr De Offrings, Max Glutings Red Sr Trally Clarings Exerciseds, Mrs X Clay, Mr Malcolm Ramay, Lord Ablager, Lord Excession, Law Stronger, Sr Bennard and Lay Sur-

Lord Ablager, Lord Egremont, Lady Brunner, Sir Bennard and Lady Bu-rurs. Mr Mack Le Fanu (general-lection), Borley of Airthorn, Mrs Aristina Ger (Luranor, Reast House Muyeum. Hammarad also

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of April 1992 M Organites, Director,

Committee UK Character of

ber of Commerce held yesterday at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr

lain Hope, president of the cham-ber, presided. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agents-General for Alberta and Ontario were among those

Mr Alan Titchmarsh held a literary huncheon yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton, in aid of I CAN — Invalid Children's Ald

Mr Robert

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Lady Birley

Mr A.P. Sparks and Miss G. Ramey

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Lady (Robert) Birley in Eton College Chapel on Friday, May 8, at 5.15pm.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Constantine will be held at Clement Danes Church. Strand, today at noon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Arbuthnot, physician, Arbuthnott, Kincardineshire, 1667; Sir James Brooks, rajah of Sarawak 1841-68, Berajah of Sarawak 1841-68. Be-nares, 1803; Sir Thomas Bee-cham, Br. conductor, St Helena, Lancs, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sar-gent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, jazz mu-sician and composer, Wash-ington, 1899; Hirohito, emperor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1901. DEATHS: John Cleveland, roy-alist poet, London, 1658; George Parquiar, dramatist, London, 1707; Constantine Cavaly, poet, Alexandria, 1933; Sir Alfred Hitchcock, film director,

Glovers' Company Commerce Mr David Coleridge, Chairman of Lloyd's, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Cham-

At Butchers' Hall yestenday Mr David Anderson, Master of the Glovers' Company, presented Dr Adrian Whiteson with gloves spe-cially made for the team of 70: members of the British Paralympic Association competing at the Barcelona games.

**Lord Taylor** 

The life barony conferred upon Sir Peter Murray Taylor, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of England, has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Taylor of Gosforth, of Embleton in the County of Northumberland.

# Telephone 071 481 4000

DEATHS ABEL - On Saturday April 26th 1992, suidenty at his home in Great Shelford. Cambridge, Arthur Leonard. Devoted and much loved hishand of Betty, father of Michael, Margard and City. Funeral Service to be held at Cambridge City Crematorium (West Chapel) on Tuesday May 8th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations may be made to The New Saraaritan Fund C/o R. Steales Funeral Brectons. 45 Moortleld Road. Durford. Cambridge, let. (C223) 833463. He is already deeply missed. ABEL - On Saturday

BURTHS BAIRD - On April 22pd, at La Clinique de Belvedère, Paris, to Marie-Pierre (née Orândahi) and Jonathan, a son, Alexis William François in Washington D.C., U.S.A., to Espeth unfe Disney) and Robert, a son, Tucker Robert

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CLIFF - On April 23rd. to Sosan and Nicholas, a son. Zachary William, a brother for Fredric.
DISNEY - See Chambers. DUFFY - On April 23rd 1992, to Renee (nee Gelven) and David, a son, Sean Michael. Thanks to all the staff at The Portland Hospithi.

TOOLESTON-MAYNES - On April 23rd. to Caroline and Gary, a precious gift of a son. Charles Edward.

EKLOF - On April 17th 1992. In Louise (née Green) and Richard, a daughter, Reine Elizabeth.

FARCUHAR - On April 25th, to Vicky (née Clinton) and James. a son. Michael Edward.

MEGHEN - On April 10th, to Amanda (sée Dimmock) and David, a son, John. MITCHENER - On Sunday April 5th. at Malestone Hospital. to Alison (née Hollamby) and John. a son. Dominic James.

MISWANDER - On April 27th. in Windsor, to Nancy and Tom, a son Graham Andrew.

RICH - On April 21st, in Salisbury, to Nathalie and Hugh, a third son, Archie William.

STEDMAN - On April 21st, to Caroline (nie Ready) and Christopher, a daughter, Juliet Victoria, a sister for TRAIN - On April 4th, at The Lindo Wing, to Elizabeth and

Nick, a son, Alastair Sayer. VESTEY - On April 27th. to Cella, wife of Lord Vestey. a

ALMENRADER - On April 25th 1992. Pits Judih Almenrader, pascefully at Sandpipers Nursing Home. Cookham. Beloved wife of Rudolf and dearest mother of Jenuifer and Caroline. The Funeral Service will be held on Friday May 1st at the Slough Crematorium for 10am. No flowers, but if desired, domailions to Alzheimers Disease Society (16 F G Pymm & Sons, 65-67 Moorbridge Road, Maldenhead, Berks, SL6 SLT.

BEESOM - On April 26th, at The Raddiffic infirmary after a short illness. Raymond Bertram, much loved, will be sorely missed by his family and many friends, Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on Oxford Crematorium on Thursday May 7th at 3 pm. No flowers, but if desired donations to the Geoffrey Harris Ward Fund, Radcliffe Internacy Oxford

CARTER - On April 26th 1992. at home, Hubert Thorne Foster, dearly loved husband of Phyllis, father of Rosemary and Judy and grandfather of Lucy. Seccy. Angus, James and Tom. Funeral Service at St Bridget's Church. Chelvey. Wednesday May 6th at 2.30pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Cancer Research. c/o Keith C Britton & Son Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton, Avon.

On Tuesday April 28th, Major Robert of Felley, loved husband of Maria and father of Venetia, funeral at St Mary and All Our Saints.

DEATHS

COLEGRAVE - On April 27th.
John Hildebrand. 2926 81.
efter a six month lines.
beloved husband of the lake
Esme. stepfather of Lee.
Father of Bill and Sukie.
grandfather of Leura. Adam.
Benjamin. Stens and Kara.
He will be greatly missed by
ait his family and friends.
Flueral at Presson Candovs:
Parish Church. Hismpehire.
on Saturday May 2nd at
11am. Family lowers only.
COOK - On April 27th 1992.
Reginald Robert Stanley
Cook. pescertuly in
Crencester Hospital after a
short litness. Beloved father
and grandfather.
COOPER - On April 26th
1992. Robert Wright Cooper.
of Abbeyffield House.
Malmesbury. aged 87 years.
Fumeral Service
will be held laker. Flowers
and enquiries to H & C
Matthews F/D. 7 Burnham
Road. Malmesbury. bel:
CO666 822216.
FRAMFTOM - On April 26th
1992. Jack Bryant.
peacefully at Uphill Grange
Nursion Home. Loving
husband and father to
Maudie and Pyter. Private
cremation and burtal. A
Memortal Service will take

Street, Lewes (273-478007.
GIRBORS - On Tuesday April
28th. peocefully. Dom
A' drew Gibbons, monk of
Dusal Abbey. Requism Mass
at Doual Abbey. Thursday
May 7th at 2.30 pm. Further
details (0734) 713163.

Mandle and Peter. Private cremation and burial. A Memorial Service will take place at the Parish Church of St John the Baptisl. Westonsuper-Mare, on Thursday May 7th at 2 pm. Donations to St John Ambulance who were so supportive. c/o Cooksley & Son. 1 Wallscote Place Weston-super-Mare.

Road, Weston-super-Mare.
GIBBERD - On April 25th
1992, peacefully at Meadow
Lodge, Kathleen, of Lewes,
aged 96 years. Cremation
private. Memorial Service to
follow at a later date. All
enquintes to Cooper & Son
Funeral Service. 42 High
Street, Lewes 0275-475557.
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details (0734) 713163.

GILES - On April 27th 1992.
Sharon Catherine Giles tree
Tangh. of Bengeo, Herritord.
Much loved wife of Andrew.
With the dignity and strength
which size bad shown
throughout her long timess.
Funeral Service at the
Caurch of the Immacuish
Conception and St Joseph on
Friday May list at 9.30cm
followed by private
cremedion. Donations if
desired to the Muscular
Dystrophy Group.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DEATHS LANGFORD - On April 27th
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101, wife of the late Edward
Gillist Langford, mother of
Patrick (decessed), John and
George, Privale cremation.
Thamisgiving Service at St
Luter's Church. Sway. 12
1000n Saturday May 16th.
Donations if desired for
Cancer Relief MacMillian
Fund c/o Diamond & Sons
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25th, pescentily, Constance Violet Gresham. Funeral at Godstone Parish Church. 1pm May 1st. followed by cremation. No flowers by request. Dotations to The Injured Jockeys Fund if

GRAHAM - On April 25th 1992. In Santiago de Compostela. Spairs - following a car accident. Beatrice Mary, seed 83, of Noston Conyers, widow of Richard, mother of James. William and Richard. Funeral service details to be announced later. GREEG - On April 25th 1992. peacefully at home, Irene Wettban, wife of the late Li Col R.B. Greig DSO RA. Funeral Service at Satisbury Crematorium on Friday May 1st at 1.1.15 am. Flowers to LN. Newman. 56 Winchester Street. Salisbury. HARIHEUM - On April 27th. at bone with the family after a short litness. David. Much loved husband of Nicky and Emma. The funeral service will be in the East Chapel of Golders Green Crematorhum on Wednesday May 6th at 11.15. No flowers please. donallons to the Maida Vale Wing of the National Hospital. Success Square. HOLLAND - On April 22nd 1992. Brian. sped 54 years. suddenly after a short litness. Lale of Limpsfield Chart. He will be sally missed by Jeanine. Philippe. close family. Collesques and friends. No flowers by request please, but if desired donalines for The Marie Curie Cancer Care. Harestone Centre. Harestone Control. Survey. CRS 67Q.

DAPPEY - On April 23nd 1992. suddenly. Charles Austen. much loved brother of Hugh. Tricia and the late Dinah. A lowed and removaled memorial service at Eton will be announced later. No flowers by request but donattons it wished for the Coronary Care Unit. Bournemouth Hospital, may be forwarded to Colin J Close Funeral Service. 18 Salisbury Street. Blandford, Dorsel. tel: (0258) 455153. cremation. No flowers by request. Donations to The Injured Jockeys Fund if dament. Unifier - On April 26th. near Geneva. Carol (nee Coben). Dearest mother of Miranda and Clea. sister of Catte. Cotin. Funeral Switzerland.

MALIK - On April 24th 1992.
Rex, aged 63. A true original, he will be missed by his wider family, friends, colleagues and a network of contacts spread across five continuents and will leave an unfittable gap for Gillian, Nicholas and Soline. Marcus and Naomi. Fuperal Wednesday May 6th 11 am at the Church of \$1 Alban and \$5 Michael. North End Road. Golders Green, Flowers to Scales, Hertford. or if preferred a charitable donation to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists.

MoLEOD - On April 28th, pescelully at home. Joan Mary, aged 80. Beloved wife of the late Roderick McLeod, devoted mother to Graham, Robert and James and much loved by her six grandchlidren. Funeral Service at the Chiltern Crematorium. Old Amersham. Bucks., at 2.30pm on Tuesday May 5th, Family Rowers only, Donations, if destred, to The British Red Cross. 9 Grosvanor Crescent, London SW1X 7EJ, Enquiries to H.C. Grimstead, Beaconsfield, (0494) 672668.

MORRIS - On April 27th 1992. Elisabeth Jean. of Reading. Beloved wife of Trevor and mother of five lovaly children. Funeral Service at Carist Church. Reading. on Wednesday May 6th at 2 pm. Family flowers

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DEATHS peocruliy, Auriol. beloved wire of the late Alan Palmer C.B.E. D.S.O. Farneral at St. John's Church at Farley Hill, rv. Reading. on Tuesday May 5th at 12.30 pm. Exquiries A.B. Welker & Son, Eldoir Road. Reading. Enquiries tel: (0734) 573680.

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REDROCED - On Simular Arril
2601 1992, treatming in ear
accident. Simone Claire,
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daughter of David and
Anthea and sister to Sarah
and Caroline. Funeral
Service at All Saints
Linuth, Person & Zimone
Friday May 1st.
SiDDABY - On April 22nd
1992, peacefully and with
dignity. Ruth
Lisworthy). much loved
mother of Adam. Charles
and Tara. No funeral at her
request.

THOMAS - On April 27th. peacefully at Clarkson House Hospice. Jersey. aged 82 years, after a long filmess borne with great courage. Marc James Havard. Dr. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, deeply mourned. Funeral service will take place in Jersey. Donations in iteu of Rowers may be sent to The Hospice Care (Jersey) c/o Mr. I. Richardson. Reeds & Co., Wellington House. Union Street. St. Heiler, Jersey. Enquiries please H.W. Maillard & Son Ltd. 1el: (0534) 37291. THOMAS - On April 27th

VALLERBER - Ca April 23rd, peacefully in Salisbury. Dr. Raymond Bruca Vallender. 1994 85 years. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church, Suranford-sub-Cestle. Salisbury, on Friday May 1st at 12 noon. followed by private cramation. Family flowers only but donations if desired for The Selisbury and South Wills Museum c/o Will Case and Partners. 22 Churchfields Road. Salisbury. SP2 7NH.

WARBURTON - On Abril
23rd, Beryl Irene, widow of
Sydney P. Warburton of
Bradford. West Yorkshirs
and only daughter of the late
Mr and Mrs J.G. Barthorp of
Shvethope and New Phymouth, New Zealand, Funeral
to take place on April 30th at
1.46 pm at \$t \$avious
Church, Deal, Keni, followed
by cremation. All emudries
to E.B. Cavell Funeral
Directors of 25 Albert Road,
Deal (0304) 373275.

DEATES WARWICK-SMITH On Theaday April 28th 1992. neaceshally at Manuson House loss House House House House House House House House Harold Warwick-Smith. approaching her 101st birthday on May 3rd. Thanksgiving Service at St Marry's Church, Burnhamon-Crouch, on Wednesday May 6th at 11 am. Family Howers only, but donations if desired to the Children's Society C/o Stammers Funeral Service, 11 Queen Street, Southminister, Essex CMO 7865.

WILLAM - On April 27th, Francis Miles, middenly in Australia, aged 69. Details of the Memorial Service will be announced later.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

THE MEDILESEX MEDILESEX MEDILESEX ADDRESS FROM THE RESIDENTIAL CAPPELS IN THE CATHERINE AT 3.30. PM on Salurday May 9th 1992, to remember all Die Flands who have died for their country.

LEGAL NOTICES JOHN PLAYLE SERVICES LTD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company Will restant a present CIVEN pursuant to Section 99 of The Indovency Act. 1986. Und a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curity & Ca., shusted at 30 Essistence Terracu. 2nd Flobry, London, WZ GLP, on Tuesday, the 12th day of they, 1992 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 96 et sec. A list of names and addresses of the shower Company's Creditors. Can be inspected at the offices of the shower Curity & Ca. 30 Ensistence Curity & Ca. 30 Chambourne Terracus. London, WZ GLP, between the hours of 10.00 am agof 4.00 pm on the two business decisions. The control of Creditors.

Dated the 24th day of April 1992 M Creditors. MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th 14sy, 1992 at Pauda Mouse, Unit 6. Lower Gover Road, Royslon, Horts, 9G8 SEA, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of seq of the edd Act.

NOTICE SEFUETINESS GEVEN that Meurice Represent Destription. FIPA of 4. Charterhouse Square, Landon, SCIM 68th is supported to act as the qualified insolvency Practitioner Burnaum to Section 98 cOuld

of April, 1992. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD June Prayle, Director.

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Notice of Appointment of Sole Desidency and Monte is Creditors to Claim Pour Selection Enlarge the Principal Tredence Entitled Principal Tredence On E18.

NOTICE & MERCEY CEVEN, pursuent to Rule 4.00 of the insolvency Rules 1986 that on 15 April 1992 Whigh Geoffiney Alkinson was appointed liquidator of the above named company (credit he above named company). weintrants Entertainment (Administration) Limited Notice is Thereby given, subject to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1985, that a Meeting of Craftiers of the above-amend companies will be held at the offices of Review Lighton. Almost the Companies of the Comp

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Auswers from page 16 TOURNURE

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"Floccify, to set nought by, to esteem little."

CERAUNOSCOPY (b) Fortune telling by interpreting the lightning from the Greek keranan thunder and lightning + skopein to observe: "The ancients predicted the future from the wildest eruptions of nature by

CETAHBOSCODY." POLLAGE (a) Extortion of poll tax, hence extortion or legalised robbery, from poll head by polemical analogy with pillage: "As though these pollages and pillages were not ill enough."

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Francis Bacon, the internationally-renowned British

painter, died vesterday in

Madrid aged S2 He was

born in Dublin on October

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OBITUARIES

mouths in desclate howle When this excurating top tych was exhibited at the Lefevre Gallery, it announced a new post-war कार्राचे की बत compromising analysis. The advent of the acid war, com bined with the nerver of Haro shima, confirmed Bacon' preoccupations. He returned time and again, to the image or a solitary maje figure en closed in a bare intention

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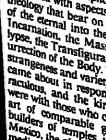
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# FRANCIS BACON



Three Studies for Self-Portrait, a characteristic and unsparing Baconian perception in this small triptych of 1979

Francis Bacon, the interna-tionally-renowned British painter, died yesterday in Madrid aged 82. He was born in Dublin on October 28, 1909. NO OTHER post-war paint-

er transformed British art with as much energy, flair and obsessive conviction as Francis Bacon. After a surprisingly tentative beginning, when he wavered between painting and designing furniture and rugs, the self-taught Bacon vision arrived fully-formed in 1944. And it al-ready had the ability to unnerve. In a searing orange triptych, he painted three alarmingly distorted figures at the base of a crucifix. Half-human and half-animal, they writhe, push their distended necks forward and open their mouths in desolate howls.

When this excortating triptych was exhibited at the Lefevre Gallery, it announced a new post-war mood of uncompromising anxiety. The advent of the cold war, combined with the horror of Hiroshima, confirmed Bacon's preoccupations. He returned, time and again, to the image of a solitary male figure enclosed in a bare interior. During the 1950s this an-

guished presence often gave vent to his disquiet with a scream, nowhere more vehemently than in an extended series of paintings based on Velazquez's celebrated portrait of Pope innocent X. In ine onginal canvas Bacon never went to inspect in Rome, the Pope looks masrerful and shrewd. But Bacon transforms him into a screaming grotesque, trapped like a prisoner in an electric chair, rather than on

a Pontiff's throne. In later life, Bacon himself came to regret spending so much time on the Pope im-

ages. He thought they were too sensational, and went on too long. But they were cer-tainly instrumental in establishing him with a formidable international reputation. Another series, smaller in number and on the whole more powerful, took as its inspiration a Van Gogh painting of the artist walking through the French countryside on his way to work. Once again, Bacon changed the original image into a turbu-lent, troubled expression of

On the whole, though, Bacon's figures remain indoors rather than out in the open. Landscapes were rare in his work, and the paintings of recent decades concentrate, with remarkable consistency, on clothed or naked figures in the archetypal Bacon room. As if to stress how little his art had changed, he embarked in 1988 on a second, larger version of his 1944 triptych. The lacerating orange became a more sumptuous red. and the three figures are surrounded by more space than in the earlier version. But they twist and yell as hideously as before, and Bacon demonstrated his regard for the new

his own ominous vision.

triptych by presenting it to the Tate Gallery. Francis Bacon was born of English parents. His father trained horses in Ireland. Bacon had little formal education except for a brief periodat a boarding school in Cheltenham. He left home early and Berlin. By 1930 he was in London earning a precarious living as a designer of furniture and rugs.

He had already begun to paint, but of his first experiments very little remains. There were some abstract paintings - they are seen in a picture of the corner of his studio painted by a great

friend of that time. Roy de Maistre. There are one or two pictures which found their way into private collections the best known is a Crucifixion which was reproduced in Herbert Read's Art Now (1933) — but everything else Bacon destroyed. After 1936 he abandoned painting com-

pletely for eight years.

There was nothing tentative about his re-appearance in the closing years of the war. From 1945 onwards he began to show pictures of great technical assurance and startling originality. The crucial moment was his first oneman exhibition at the Hanover Gallery in 1949 which thrust him to the forefront of contemporary painting.

Just as the name Kafka has

passed into the language as evocative of a certain kind of anxiety-ridden impasse, so Bacon's name now began to be used descriptively. This is an indication of the way in which these pictures reflected a recognisable range of feelings. They were of men's heads set against thick curtains or enclosed in glass boxes, their eyes often obliterated and their mouths stretched open as if to scream. Melodramatic, they were also contemplative and the mood of extreme, yet stoical, despair seemed of a piece with the mood of Sartre's Huis Clos and the early Beckett novels.

It was perhaps this literary side to them which first cappublic. Not since Fuseli had the horrific been the overt subject-matter of painting, and the novelty was both shocking and absorbing. There were other equally disturbing features. His painting was, for instance, the very antithesis of abstract at a moment when the general drift of painting seemed to be

inexorably in an abstract direction. It was illusionistic, although in a novel and nonacademic way: it drew upon the Old Masters, on Velasquez in particular, and equally on photography, not only for its imagery but for its surface appearance too. It was impossible to place

him comfortably within any

existing framework. Certain critics, notably Robert Melville and David Sylvester, wrote about him brilliantly and with deep partisanship. Others tended to dismiss him as a morbid sensationalist and a light-weight, a view in which they were strengthened when in 1953, on the occasion of a retrospective exhibition of Matthew Smith at the Tate, Bacon contributed a short tribute to the catalogue in which he said: "I think that painting today is pure intu-ition and luck and taking advantage of what happens when you splash the stuff down..." However, within a year or two London was to become familiar with the achievements of the American painters of Bacon's generation. Chance and intuition with paint had begun to take on wider meanings and Ba-con looked less isolated, more

the British Pavilion at the Venice Biennale in 1954, and from now onwards his reputation rose steadily in Europe and America; indeed it could international standing of British art went, Bacon did for painting what Henry Moore had done for sculpture a few years earlier. There was a major retrospective exhibi-tion at the Tate Gallery in 1962, which later toured Europe, and from this point onwards hardly a year passed

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showing somewhere in the world. He was the first English painter of this century to be taken seriously in Paris, where queues formed to see his retrospective at the Grand Palais in 1971-2. He was shown at the Metropolitan in New York in 1975.

In one of his first statements about his work Bacon had said: "Painting is the pattern of one's nervous system being projected on the canvas." It was always to have for him this quality of naked attack. It was able, as nothing else, to convey feeling directly. to "come immediately on to the nervous system". Above all it was able to do so through the mysterious equivalence of paint and flesh. He saw this power as an unbroken inheritance from the past, continually to be revivified by the risks and intuitions of the present. He had little regard for abstract art, which in his view avoided the challenge that made painting worthwhile

For him the proper subject for art was the human figure, and specifically the portrait. As his work matured he dropped much of the menacing mise en scène of the earlier pictures, and his figures became more particular portraits. He painted the same close friends over and over, working from photographs and memory, placing them in simple modern interiors, naked or clothed and concentrating on their faces with what to seemed to be sadistic violence. Bacon would always

deny this reading.

Neither his international reputation nor the success that went with it made Bacon a conformist figure. He sat on no committees and accepted no honours. He was indifferent to officialdom. Robert without some important Melville once wrote of him: "He is at home in the complicated night life of big cities, interested in the exhibitionism and Instability of the people he chooses to mix with and absorbed by extreme situations." His art was very close indeed to his life, and his life was lived on the very fringes of normality.

He was a man of infinite charm and generosity with a great gift for friendship. A prodigious host, his life was uncluttered by possessions. His appearance was ageless. His influence on younger artists during the 1950s and 1960s was very considerable - not stylistically, for he had few imitators - but through his attitude to his work and the sense he gave of the ultimate seriousness of art. Bacon's outstanding reput-

ation was recognised, in

1985, by a second retrospec-

tive exhibition at the Tate Gallery. Until then, no living British artist had been granted such an honour, and in his foreword to the catalogue the then director. Sir Alan Bowness, categorically declared that Bacon's "work sets the standard for our time, for he is surely the greatest living painter; no artist in our century has presented the human predicament with such insight and feeling. The paintings have the inescapable mark of the present; I am tempted to add the word alas, but for Bacon the virtues of truth and honesty transcend the tasteful. They give to his paintings a terrible beauty that has placed them among the most memorable images in the entire history of art. And these paintings have a timeless quality that allows them to hang naturally in our museums beside those of Rembrandt and Van Gogh."

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# **APPRECIATIONS**

### Satyajit Ray

NOT only was Satvajit Ray (obituary, April 24) encouraged by Jean Renoir, he worked on The River as our assistant camera operator. and much of his later film style showed the influence also of our cameraman Claude Renoir. He was considered too Western in his approach to the cinema by his Indian contemporaries and never enjoyed the acclaim and recognition in his own country that he gained in the West. In Pather Panchali he used his entire family in the C3SE

In many ways he was completely conventional and obedient to his background. His was an arranged marriage and he did not see his wife until the marriage ceremony had been performed and the traditional curtain between the couple had been removed. I asked him if this had not worried him a little, after his Western schooling, and if he had wanted to rebel agains

custom. He replied that he knew that his parents had only his happiness in mind and that he trusted them

completely.

He fell in love with his wife at first sight, and in Pather Panchali that love for her and his family shows in every frame of the picture. At least it did to me, as I knew his story; perhaps it will to others who see the film for the first time if they know, too.

He was a man of great enthusiasm and compassion. Critics in his own country accused him of showing it in a bad light. In the future. however, his films may be the only way we will be able to glimpse the India of his time I once heard another Indian film-maker refer to him contemptuously as an "Intellectual. His attitude made me smile, it was so very British one of the relies of the Raj. Knowing Ray and his family gave me an insight into another India For this I was, and always will be, profoundly grateful.

Adrienne Corri

### Christopher Priday, QC

I HAD the good fortune to have regular conferences and consultations with Christopher Priday (obituary, April 14) over a period of about 25 years, mostly in connection with tenancies of business premises and general landlord and tenant problems. When, in 1950, he was

called to the Bar and I admitted as a solicitor there was a wide gulf of accessability between the two branches of the legal profession, which over the years since then has, with benefit, narrowed considerably. Then, for example, it was almost unheard of for counsel to speak to a solicitor over the telephone - let alone give advice over it. Today this is quite usual in proper and urgent cases. Priday's approachability did much to break down this historic barrier.

He always accepted with an equal grace, interest and good humour both large corporate clients with "heavy work" and individual chents with trivial and irksome problems. His advice was always practical.

From this connection there developed a professional friendship and also, I believe. an enviable relationship between my office and his chambers which enabled us to provide an efficient service to clients.

Norman Fitzsimon



# JAMES BROWN

James Brown, film and television actor, died of lung cancer at his home in Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, on April 11 aged 72.

THE old Hollywood adage that one should never appear on the screen with dogs or children held little terror for James Brown. He made his name and registered his chief claim to fame by portraying Lieutenant Rip Masters in the television series The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin during the 1950s. Although the star of the

series, set in a cavairy post in the Old West, was an Alsatian, and the co-star a young boy, Brown survived the experience to make a sound reput ation for himself.

Brown, who was born in Desdemona, Texas, turned to acting after abandoning a player in his teens. In all he appeared in more than 40 films, including Going My Way. Air Force, The Fabulous Texan, Sands of Iwo Jima and The Charge at Feather River.

He also made a number of guest appearances on popular television series such as Murder, She Wrote and Dalias and was a regular guest on Gunsmoke. Brown is survived by his

wife, Betty, and three

# **OLIVIER MESSIAEN**

Olivier Messiaen, the French composer who changed the nature of European music more than anyone else in the last half century, died in Paris yesterday aged 83. He was born in Avignon on December 10, 1908.

ALTHOUGH his art at first evoked fierce controversy - largely on account of its unashamed mixture of Catholic piety with lush eroticism, of rich western harmony with the sounds and rhythms of Asia, of abstract speculation with vulgarity Olivier Messiaen lived long enough to hear his works performed and applauded throughout the world, to find his music as omnipresent as that of the birds he so much admired and imitated, and to find himself perhaps the most revered of living composers.

What had once shocked by its lack of taste came to be appreciated as the expression of a man whose openness, humility and candour made taste an irrelevance. What had seemed naive came to be cherished rather as simplicity, the blessed simplicity of one whose faith gave him the confidence to make his music open to a bewildering variety of materials, without discrimination: plainsong, artificial modes, rhythmic patterns from Hindu and Greek culture, the percussion of Africa and the Far East, luscious harmonies redolent of cheap music. as well as complex chords suggested by the cries of birds, by mountains and canyons, by colours and by the word of God.

He was, as he acknowledged, a man out of his time and place. Most of his works are explicitly religious. concerned with aspects of Christian theology that bear on the irruption of the eternal into the present: the Incarnation, the Mass, the Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, the Resurrection of the Body. The richness, strangeness and variety of his music came about in response to the miraculous, and the kinships he felt were with those who created sacred art of comparable grandeur: the builders of temples in Japan and Mexico, the glaziers and masons of

medieval France.



his own age and continent was immense, that was because his religious intuitions coincided with a musical insight central to the art in the twentieth century, the insight that music need not proceed smoothly forwards towards resolution and cadence, but can instead extend endlessly, or keep repeating itself, or leap suddenly from one thing to another. The entry of eternity was thus something that he could find in Schoenberg, Stravinsky and Debussy, and pass on to his pupils. who included the three outstanding European composers of the next generation: Pierre Boulez, Karlheinz

Stockhausen and Jean Barraque. Born in Avignon, Olivier Eugene Prosper Charles Messiaen was the

Cècile Sauvage and her husband Pierre Messiaen, a distinguished lycee teacher of English who had translated the complete works of Shakespeare. In 1917 Messiaen began to learn the piano and compose, and two years later he entered the Paris Conservatoire, where he remained until 1930. His teachers included Maurice Emmanuel, who stimulated his interest in modes and exotic rhythms, Marcel Dupré, who encouraged him towards the organ. and Paul Dukas, a model of creative ethics.

In 1931 he was appointed organist of La Trinité in Paris, where he played regularly until his death. At first it seemed that he would have the typical career of a French organist-composer, his output consisting

of organ works (La Nativité du Seigneur, 1935; Les corps glorieux, 1939) interspersed with religious meditations for orchestra (L'Ascension, 1933) and songs. These last were religious too, written to celebrate the experience of divine love granted in sexual and parental love (he had married the violinist Claire Delbos in 1932; their son Pascal, the composer's only child.

was born in 1937).

The pattern altered when, as a soldier, he was taken prisoner-ofwar in 1940. In captivity he wrote the Quatuor pour la fin du temps, a crystallisation of his early style, and when he returned to Paris in 1942, a place was found, despite opposition, for him to teach at the Conservatoire. There his early pupils included Boulez and also the pianist Yvonne Loriod, whose virtuosity encouraged him to make the piano, not the organ, the centre of his composing life: for her he wrote the Vingt regards sur l'Enfant-Jèsus (1944) and the solo parts in the Trois petites liturgies (1945) and the Turangalila-symphonie (1946-48).

This last work - like the songs of the 1930s, though on the vaster scale of ten movements for large orchestra - is a celebration of love in both cosmic and human aspects. It represents the emergence of the composer as a public figure (there had been no other symphonic work since L'Ascension), and during the 1950s and 1960s it gradually entered the international repertory and helped to establish its composer's reputation.

He, though, was going in other directions. Faced with the evidence of a rigorous rethinking of Schoenbergian serialism in the early works of Boulez, the erstwhile teacher became again a student, and from the delirious abundance of the Turangalila turned to the deliberate constraint of the Mode de valeurs et d'intensités for piano (1949) where system threatens to take control and the effect is seemingly as random as the pattern of stars in the night sky.

This was only a passing phase, but refreshed his approach to the minutiae of his art and also made him suspicious of musical invention: henceforth, for more than a decade,

he found his material by listening to birds in the wild, jotting down their song using conventional notation and without the aid of a tape recorder. This he did at his summer home in the Alps where he did most of his composing, elsewhere in France, and in other parts of the world which his growing reptutation en-abled him to visit (he had been passionately fond of birdsong since his childhood and was a member of several ornithological societies). Works of this period include the Catalogue d'oiseaux for piano and Chronochromie for orchestra.

In 1962, following the death of his first wife in 1959, he married Yvonne Loriod, whose musical and personal support was crucial to him for the rest of his life. During the same decade he began to gather together all the various strands in his composing life, at first in smaller works and then in the monumental, concert-long La Transfiguration for chorus and orchestra (1965-9). This was followed by three others: Des canyons aux étoiles ... for piano and orchestra (1971-4), the opera Saint François d'Assise (1975-83) and Le Livre du Saint Sacrement for organ (1984).

After this came a sequence of smaller pieces, composed in the intervals between international tours when he and his music were celebrated. A further large-scale work for an immense orchestra, Eclairs sur l'Au-Delà is apparently complete and due for its first performance in New York in November. Among his many honours were membership of the Institut de France (1967) and the Erasmus

Prize (1971). His work as a teacher ended in 1978 when he retired from the Conservatoire. However, his effect on western music had no such terminus: it will continue to be felt in the works of his pupils, in the technical wisdom contained in his theoretical writings (a treatise on rhythm, long projected, remains unpublished) and above all in every continuing interpretation of music that stands out in this age for its confidence. colour and joy.

Richard Morrison, page 6

### April 29 ON THIS DAY 1969

# THE TIMES the hour, and of the onus on themselves to demonstrate to

The referendum saying "No" to President de Gaulle marked the end of his political career. He had been president since 1959. He died on November 9, 1970, two weeks before his eightieth birthday.

Gen. de Gaulle resigns from Charles Groves

Paris, April 28 General de Gaulle resigned with effect from midday today, and M. Alain Poher, president of the Senate, was installed in the Elysee Palace early this afternoon as the interim President of the Republic until elections for a new President are held some time between May 18 and June 8.

In a brief television address this evening, the acting Presi-dent expressed to General de Gaulie "the respectful senti-ments of all those for whom the differences of the present could never efface the eminent ser-vices of the past." He told viewers: "Beyond the differences brought out by the consultation of yesterday you feel as deeply as I do, I am sure, that we must first, and all together preserve the unity of the nation." France - somewhat to its

own surprise - has lived through its first day in 11 years without General de Gaulle at the helm, and without the apocalypse which some Gaullist leaders had somewhat too complacently predicted in the event of a success for the Noes Apart from limited demonstration by students in the Latin Quarter, with which the police dealt roundly and even roughly, and extreme right-wing demonstrations on the Champs-Elysées, both a pale reflection of the daily occurrences last May, there was no sign of a bloody revolt or revolution. All political and trade union leaders were con-scious of the historic gravity of Gaulle, as he has now realised.

themselves and to the world that the French were a politically adult people.

One can say of General de Gaulle that the dignified manner of his leaving office became him as much as his exercise of

nim as much as his exercise of it. His instant submission to the verdict of the popular will in accordance with the solernn pledge, has forced the admiration even of his enemies, even if they consider that he has brought this issue unnecessar-ily upon himself by forcing on his fellow countrymen a choice they did not want . . . In an adjoining column the

political editor of the French newspaper Le Monde began an article entitled "The French grow weary of a Legend" with the following: Suicide or murder? Both Sul-

cide because no one even among his Ministers really wanted this referendum which has just proved fatal to de Gaulle, because he alone against allcomers insisted on asking the French to say "Yes" to him for the lifth time in 10 years and a half. He played Russian roulene and he lost. But murder, too, because the General died politically on Sunday from the wounds he received last May on the barneades of the Latin Quarter. The murderer's name is known: Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

It is doubly absurd The legendary figure, so sure of himself, had since June 18, 1940, one infallible weapon: the spoken word. One message brought about the fall, or birth, of a regime; one speech raised up, or flattened, the Algiers barricades; called forth, or quelled, the putsch of the rebellious generals. One press conference set Europe on its ears, or angered the whole

In that mad spring of 1968. four minutes of speech were enough to reverse a situation that seemed almost hopeless and to beget Gaullism's greatest triumph. Yet his triumph was deceptive: the French had

# World of art pays tribute to Bacon

Continued from page I and there have been few of them. He was rather like a great history painter of the eighteenth century. He was the most ambitious British painter since Sir Joshua Reynolds and Turner. It is the

death of a hero."
Bridget Riley said: "I admired Francis enormously and his death is a great loss. I saw his retrospective at the Tate and I think he had fulfilled his particular vision."

Robert Hughes, art critic of Time magazine, said: "Francis Bacon went into areas of the human psyche that other modern painters didn't touch. Because he had been around for so long many people felt that he was a bit of a living cliche. But his work went much further than the deployment of shock tactics."

Melvyn Bragg, who produced a South Bank Show on Bacon in 1985, remembered visiting him at his messy mews house in South Kensington. "He was a man who went his own way and he lived as an old-fashioned bohemi-an. His flat was unbelievably tatty and should be preserved for the nation. He had a small room that was covered in paint because he mixed col-ours on the wall, a gally kitchen and his bedroom.

"He painted every day, starting in the morning, and then he went out and drank an immense amount of champagne. He was one of the world's greatest painters in the second half of the twentieth century. He found his style and subjects in the mid 1940s and he never really changed from that."

Bacon will be sorely missed at Soho's Colony Club where he drank his famous quantities of champagne. Ian Board, the club's proprietor, said: "The club has lost its greatest member. He was a founder member in 1948 and early on he came most days. But in the last two years he came less often because he was ill. Muriel Belcher, the founder, called him 'daugh-

ter' and he called her 'mam'." Mark Fisher, shadow arts minister, sald: "He was one of a small number of contemporary British artists who had an international and worldwide reputation. There is no doubt that his work is going ation. It said something about the pain of the human condition."



Art out of chaos: Francis Bacon in his studio in London last year, practically submerged in the assorted jumble of his profession

# Painter bursting with exhilarated despair

THE first time I met Francis Bacon, for an interview in the early 1970s, I approached his South Kensington mews with trepidation. Would I be greeted by a writhing, turbulent figure, so obsessed with his own neuroses that conversation proved impossible to sustain?

My anxiety could hardly have been more misplaced. Charming, convivial and wonderfully eager to talk, he greeted me enthusiastically at the top of his steep, narrow stairs. Preparing at the time for his immense retrospective exhibition at the Grand Palais in Paris, he was prepared nevertheless to spend the whole morning ranging inexhaustibly over art and literature. from Velázquez and Proust to Rem-brandt, Greek tragedy and T.S. Eliot. above all intensely energetic, the conversation continued over a bibulous Soho lunch and terminated tipsily in the ramshackle Colony Club.

I realised, on that bacchanalian day, just how much this animated

With the death of Francis Bacon, Britain's finest painter of his time, art suffers a grievous loss, writes Richard Cark

man relished life. Far from viewing it with depressive morbidity, he savoured his defiantly unconventional existence with boundless zest. The same gusto animates his paintings. Isolated the figures may often be, but they are far from limp or defeated. At their most dynamic, they fill the entire canvas with protesting howls. But even when simply sitting on a chair, accompanied by one of the sinister shadows Bacon favoured, these solitary men have a tense, coiled dynamism that counters their awareness that each of us is, in the end

Bacon himself daimed that he looked on life with "exhilarated despair". The horror is there all right, as well as the violence that erupted in the world on so many occasions during his lifetime. But Bacon's awareness of

man's capacity for bestiality is offset by his stubborn belief in grandeur. Viewers who recoil from Bacon in disgust are unable to grasp the more positive aspects of his art. But they are a vital part of his towering achievement. Bacon set great store by accident when painting, and his finest work is galvanised by an ecuberant sense of risk. An inveterate gambler, he loved to surprise himself in paint-ing as in life. The many canvases he destroyed throughout his career tes-tify to his impatience with predictabil-

ity. In Bacon's greatest canvases, his impulsive handling of paint has an

astonishing eloquence as he pum-mels, caresses, obliterates and coaxes

the pigment at will. At the same time, though, Bacon tions are always calculated and refined, playing off the convulsive against areas of flat, semiabstract colour. He liked immaculate painting, and the tormented passages in his work gain enormously from

their contrast with the clean, plain

areas surrounding them.

Bacon's superb finesse, coupled with an instinctive monumentality, counteracts the depressing aspects of his world. Indeed his exhibitation seems all the more persuasive precise-ly because it is pitched against the confinement and vulnerability of the human condition. Bacon's assertion of a resilient vigour could not be more hard won. And in some of his most impressive pictures naked figures close on one another with extraordinary erotic forcefulness, as if trying to combat their former isolation.

Bacon will be remembered, not only as the finest British painter of his time, but one of the most outstanding artists anywhere in the late 20th-century world. With his death, painting suffers an incalculable loss. When we met for the last time a few months ago he told me that he hated the thought of death, before pausing and then brightening with a defiant cry: "Shall we have some champaigne?"

England and Wales will have

bright or sunny spells and

Political sketch

# Betty B and the **Five Dwarves**

Paris, it is to be wondered how much longer our House of Lords can survive. Public seating arrangements are not as conve-nient as at Marne la Vallée. the cast of costumed fantasy-characters is more limited, and there are no rides. But, stuck with a tight budget and an antique script, their Lordships can still put on a show.

GRAHAM WOOD

Their Palace is a mock-Gothic masterpiece and nearly as good as Sleeping Beauty's Castle. Yesterday. the actors called "peers" who run the show turned up for a double whammy the blessing of a new Commons Speaker, and the elevation of two old Commons

As with Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck pag-eants, the frolic follows a set form. First came Five Dwarves in scarlet with fur trimmings. Four wore Nelson helmets, the fifth a massive Cornish pasty. Such was the dwarves' dig-nity it was hard to believe that at night they wear pyjamas like normal people.

Black Rod came in, a daddy-long-legs Mickey Mouse down to his white gloves. Happy told him to go to the Commons and fetch the new Speaker. It makes a change from sell-"have a nice day". Soon Black Mouse returned with Miss Boothroyd, looking grand in a classless sort of way. Now entered the "Reading Clerk". Peers employ a reading clerk to do their reading. Would that

we all could.

The Reading Clerk, a gangly fellow resembling Beep Beep the Road Runner, read a message for Betty B from Betty R, saying it was inconvenient to come herrely so could the come herself, so could the Five Dwarves do the hon-ours? It took time: the Road Runner had to address each in turn, each bowing and removing his helmet. The royal message, via Beep Beep and the dwarves, was Would Betty

B please be Speaker?
"I submit myself with all frumility and gratitude." said Betty. "And alacrity." she might have added, but it was not in the script. Beep Beep assured her that the other Betty "would ever place the most favourable words and actions", which was good to know because none of the MPs will. She howed and departed. The

With the opening of Euro Disney outside known as the Commission-

ing of the Boothroyd.
This frolic over, the dwarves left, shed their fur and returned in black. It was time to turn Lynda Chalker and John Wakeham into barons. In the gallery above the Throne sat Mr Wakeham's wife, Alison, looking lovely. Nearby sat Mrs Chalker's husband Clive, also looking lovely. Outside stood John and

Lynda, looking nervous. A man dressed in a carpet led them in, each with two crimson sponsors. Though Wakeham had a black Nel-son helmet, Mrs Chalker's was more like what BR lady ticket inspectors wear. There was more hat-doffing There was more har-doring and traipsing around than you want to hear details of, then Mrs Chalker, described as "Lynda, wife of Clive", became the Baroness Wallasey, Lynda, who has the piecet possible Way (in the nicest possible way) has suspected she was really Lady Wallasey ever since she became head girl at Roedean, was plainly looking forward to travelling as "Lady Wallasey and Clive". It will look good on the windscreen of their Cavalier. Clive looked thrilled.

So did Alison. Resplen-dent in yellow, she savoured her final moments as a missus. As her hubby bowed, and she became Lady Wakeham, a sort of splendour transfused Alison's smile. I remem-bered when she was Miss Ward and worked in Mrs Thatcher's office, and I got pitched into the Thames on a winter's night and tele-phoned her with shaking hands from a pub under-neath Waterloo Station to explain that I would be late

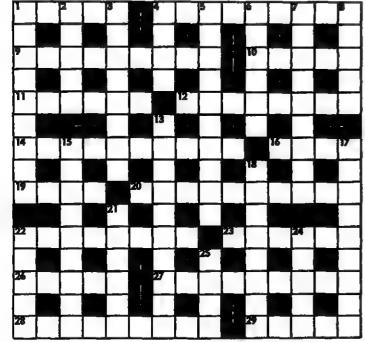
for supper.

Back in the Commons, Batk in the Commons, Betty B was swearing them in like billyo, chugging Al-ice Mahon (Lab, Halifax) affectionately by the cheek, and turning a blind eye to the scrum of MPs shoving to take the oath to take the oath.

At about 3.30 I saw Sebastian Coe (C, Falmouth & Camborne) waiting on the edge of the scrum. By 4.00 he had not moved: the fastest runner in the universe but too polite to push. Within minutes of hitting the scrum, Edwina was right in there, clutching Betty's hand. Mr Coe will find that in the Tory party for running away. Elbows are for pushing in.

**MATTHEW PARRIS** 

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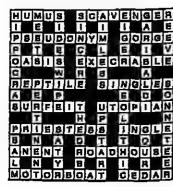


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- 10 Elgar's befuddled by drink (5). 11 Widow, about fifty-one, caught here (6). 12 Girl with a recorder takes the Circle Line (8).
- 14 It hurts Tom's hands (10). 16 Get away from, say, the subject of Mussorgsky's song (4).
- 19 In this way an American lawer gets a drink (4). 20 It's dumb having no address (10). 22 Air transport (8).

26 The players aren't meant to hear this aright, perhaps (5). Solution to Puzzle No 18.904

23 Money for the group cut off (6).



- 27 Straving, a boy's first to go wron and get the cane perhaps (9). 28 Deviate from course and head for port (9).
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- 2 Point to Strangelove as a subject for this (5).
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- 6 Sausage consumed by journalist on motorway (6). 7 Not much of a game (9).
- 8 Holy one beheaded by mistake 13 Girl in car case gets muddled, the hair-bramed child (10).
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By Phillip Howard TOURNURE

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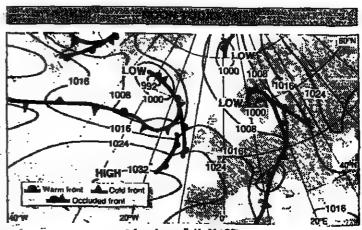
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

CBI survey sees upturn in confidence

# Major says recovery is under way

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY AND ROSS TIEMAN

BRITAIN's economic recovery "is now under way" John Major, the prime minister, said yesterday. The Conservatives' election victory had unlocked a recovery that had been blocked by political uncertainty for perhaps as long as a year. Mr Major said. But the prime minister appeared to emphasise his determination to avoid policies that would give stimulus to the recovery in its early stages.

Mr Major's confidence in recovery, revealed in a speech to the annual convention of the institute of Directors, coincided with a moderately positive survey of business opinion from the Confederation of British Industry. Although the quarterly industrial trends survey, showed



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The arrival of the old Soviet bloc seeking IMF funds has alarmed developing nations Page 21

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als remained cautious about predicting a fully-fledged recovery. The survey straddled the election campaign, but 94 per cent of the responses were received before the result.

Optimism and demand are improving, but the question is whether this can be sustained," said Ian Wigglesworth, chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee. He noted that output had continued to decline in the last four months. according to the CBI survey. while investment and employment were both expected to continue falling.

Mr Wigglesworth repeatedly urged the government to take additional measures to strengthen the recovery. Other than interest rates he said that the Treasury should consider increasing depreciation allowances to stimulate investment, despite Norman Lamont's rejection of this idea in his Budget.

Judging by Mr Major's speech to the IoD, however, Mr Lamont was unlikely to face any cabinet pressure to heed the CBI. Mr Major lav-ishly praised his Chancellor for the "outstanding job" he had done over the past 18 months. Mr Lamont had "never taken the easy road, but always the right one" and had rarely got credit for it, the prime minister said.

His speech made it clear that official thinking remains overshadowed by a fear of repeating the boom and bust cycle which appeared to threaten re-election. "We need a recovery that is steady and sustainable, not one that recreates the problems from which we are now emerging," Mr Maior said.

The CBI survey, considered the most reliable indicator of business opinion, did show the clearest evidence of outright optimism among busi-

nessmen in four years. On the key question, whether the general business situation four months than in the four months preceding the survey, 25 per cent of respondents said they were optimistic, while 17 per cent said they were pessimistic. The balance of plus 8 per cent was the highest since 1988.

However, CBI spokesmen conceded that part of the big improvement from January's balance of minus 24 per cent was due to seasonal factors. Confidence usually improves in spring and government statisticians believe that seasonal adjustment is necessary in interpreting the CBI

the balance of business optimism in the April survey remained slightly negative at minus 1 per cent. Excluding seasonal factors, the improvement since January was only 15 per cent, rather than the 32 per cent suggested by the unadjusted figures.

for new orders rising slightly from plus 2 per cent to plus 7 per cent. Output expectations improved from minus 4 per cent to plus 5 per cent.

Investment plans remained negative at minus 10 per cent, compared with minus 16 percent in January and minus 7 per cent in October. Export optimism improved from minus 7 per cent to plus 10 per cent, but this was slightly below the level of plus 14 per cent recorded last October. The best news in the survey was that unit costs were expected to rise by the lowest proprotion of manufacturers on record - a balance of phis 5 per cent, compared with phis 11 per cent in January.



By Lindsay Cook, money editor

BUILDING societies had an outflow of funds last month of £172 million. This is only the eighth time that withdrawals have exceeded savings since records began in 1956. Five of the previous occasions were the results of withdrawals to fund privatisation applications. The others were during the three-day week in 1974.

Competition from National Savings has attracted money from societies. This is likely to mean that some attractive mortgage offers for first-time buyers will be withdrawn and

that any bank base rate reduction will not be matched with a fall in mortgage rates. Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax, said: "If we get a half per cent off base rate we will certainly do what we can to make some reduction in mortgage rates but margins

are already very tight." John Wriglesworth, an analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew. said: "Borrowers will not get the full benefit of base rate cuts because of this competition for savers."

If the expected outflow continues, the societies may be forced to ask the government to allow them to compete on equal terms when offering savings accounts, an association official said.

The societies have been campaigning for 18 months for changes to the Building Societies Act to allow them to increase their wholesale

The Leeds Permanent building society more than doubled its provision for bad debts in the six months to

Applying the government's seasonal adjustment factors.

Other answers to the CBI survey showed expectations

## Brittan's team FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS THE European Commission might investigate Lloyds Bank's likely bid for Midland

Bank, sources in Brussels said. The rival bid by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has already been mestic regulatory authorities. referred to Sir Leon Brittan for preliminary investigation. The news contradicts week-

end reports that both bids could only end up with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission - if there were to be any investigation - because the assets of all three companies within the EC are

concentrated in Britain. The £3.3 billion Hongkong and Shanghai bid values Midland shares at 401p



Brittan: talked to Lloyds improves that, but it is being opposed by both Midland and the banking unions, as they are aware that Lloyds plans to make 20,000 of the banks' combined workforce of 100,000 redundant.

Lawyers in Brussels were surprised to learn that the commission might become involved. Although the com-bined assets of either of the mergers would well exceed

any Brussels threshold for investigation, when companies have the majority of their interests in one member state then any competition investigation is carried out by do-

Lloyds, whose officials were in touch with Sir Leon yesterday, wants both bids to be investigated by the same authority, if full-scale enquiries are launched. Sir Leon's task force gener-

ally completes its investigawhereas the MMC can take much longer. Lloyds' take-over attempt would, therefore, be severely compromised if it were to be investigated in London and the rival Hongkong and Shanghai's in Brussels. Where and whether a potennial merger is investigated can determine the fate of a

Whether the bank battle will be a purely British investigation depends on a complicated commission formula that multiplies one tenth of a bank's world assets by the ratio between its EC loans and its world loans. A second calculation then multiplies one tenth of world assets by the ratio between loans in Britain and global loans.

If the latter figure is twothirds of the former, showing a majority of business to be in Britain, then Brussels will not investigate further. "It's so complicated that I just can't predict anything at the moment." Sir Leon's spokesman

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Time's up for Midland: Sir Jeremy Morse, left, and Brian Pitman, confirm their unity over whether to make a £3.7 billion bid for the bank

# How Lloyds decided to go for the Midland

IN AN hour-long press conference yesterday, Sir Jeremy Morse, Lloyds Bank chair-man, and Brian Pitman, chief executive, were determined to scotch any rumours of boardroom disagreements over whether or not the bank hould launch its £3.7 billion

bid for Midland.
The assembled journalists. note books, tape recorders and cameras at the ready, refused, of course, to believe it. They kept going back to the issue again and again. There is, after all, no such thing as a decent story about a harmonious board.

Morse, they would reason, is exceptionally bright. He is a classics scholar, and, as a Winchester schoolboy, mas-

found the retiring Sir Jeremy Morse in perfect harmony with his fellow directors school boy, who left at 16 even though he had been top of his class. He says: "I decid-

To bid or not to bid? Carol Leonard

knowledge. He gained a double first at Oxford and is able to do The Times crossword in minutes. The whodunnit teled against a university eduevision series. Inspector Morse, is based on him and he is such an able chess player that he was once president of the British Chess Problem Society. A man with his head in the clouds, for sure. And the sort of person, therefore, who would find the prospect of a hostile bid battle brutish

Pitman could be seen as his antithesis: a grammar

cites a penchant for poetry, problems and puzzles. Pitman, it could be claimed, is a more physical man and someone, therefore, who would relish the aggressive cut and thrust of a bid. The reality, however, is dif-

cation because I didn't want my mother to have to keep me forever." Money was tight. "I lost my father in a car crash when I was just nine weeks old." As he speaks, he is flanked not only by Pitman — wear-ing a pale grey suit — but also by Sir Robin 1bbs, the chair-Early ambitions to play cricket for Gloucestershire or man designate, Colin Wilks. the chief financial officer, and John Davies, deputy to be a trombonist were abandoned and Pitman joined Lloyds four years lat-er. His hobbies, listed in Who's Who as golf, cricket chief executive. All four nod their bald heads in agree-ment. Pitman, asked to high-

united."

him and Morse, is unable to name even one. "We are both married, and married only once, and we both have children. We get on extremely

That relationship is, however, soon to come to an end. Morse is due to retire in 1993 and even an on-going bid for Midland is unlikely to alter his plans.

"I will leave sometime between January and late April and that is 90 per cent cer-tain," he says. "No. 1 don't get a kick out of this sort of thing. I'm rather a cool person, you know, I do not get overly excited, and Brian is a cool person too. Any talk about a disagreement is ab-

# Bid might go to

cern at the prospect of reduced competition between high street banks on small business loans if the likely Lloyds bid for Midland goes

Daphne Morgan, an investment manager with the UK arm of America's Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, said: "If Lloyds gets Midland it means a big slice dearly be uncompetitive." Not all those worried about a Lloyds-Midland get-togeth-

Reduced competition feared

By Derek Harris

ferent. Morse insists: "Brian

and I are quite at one on this.

The board has been totally

er necessarily favoured the Hong Kong solution. Continental banks, especially, have been courting the corporate Briton more assid-

uously in recent months, and it is a form of increased competition which seems to be finding favour as company

BUSINESS people at the Institute of Directors's annual market would be in a single of British bankers. Geoff Butler, managing director of Hunter Douglas UK at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, said: "The Hong Kong option would bring a breath of fresh air whereas Lloyds-Midland would inevitably raise worries about domination. More companies will go to the continental banks. They are much more user-friendly

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Birrell: "margins tight"

Phillips & Drew, said the Halifax's move into school fees indicated it had "given up on new activity in the mortgage

When the housing market was rising. lenders allowed homeowners to release equity to pay off debts and to buy goods. This was stopped when interest rates

tages of pension contributions, also allows other loans to be consolidated. The interest rate charged is the Halifax mortgage rate. Michael Kay, chairman of Claremont Savile, said one family that remortgaged during a pilot scheme had reduced their outgoings by £8,000 a year. Others could increase their spendable income by up to 56 per cent. The offered by National Westminster Pank with Claremont Savile. Borrower: have to pay a valuation fee

and legal fees. If the loan is more than 75 per cent of the property's value, an indemnity fee would be charged to protect the society against being left with a repossessed property worth less than the than £1,000.

loan exceeded 85 per cent of the new value of the property.

# Get a little Xtra debt from the Halifax

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

THE Halifax Building Society is to offer school fees funding to hard-pressed parents and will also pay off credit card and other debts as part of a scheme launched To benefit from the scheme, parents

have to remortgage with the Halifax They : ill then be able to borrow up to 85 per cent of the value of their property. The loans are being offered by the Independent Schools Information Service in conjunction with Claremont Savile, the school fees planners. The ISIS school fees special reserve account was launched by Halifax as ISIS announced the first dip in numbers attending independent schools since 1983.

John Wriglesworth, analyst at UBS

market and is trying to get people with homes to increase their debt".

began rising and property values fell.
The scheme, which uses the tax advan-

secured loans replace a similar scheme

outstanding loan. This can cost more Philip Jenks, controller of mongage

products at the Halifax, said that when a loan had been agreed, further falls in property values would not affect the amount that could be borrowed. Parents would be able to continue to draw down money to meet the school fees even if the

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A VISION of Britain as a "sort of Hong Kong of the single market" was painted by Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors, in his keynote speech to the IoD's annual con-

vention yesterday.

In a wide-ranging celebration of the defeat of communism and the return of a Conservative government in Britain, Mr Morgan attacked past economic failings and called on business and government to deliver prosperity in the nineties.

"The people have given power back to the market and they now expect the market to perform — in other words to deliver jobs and prosperity," Mr Morgan said.

"They expect markets to do
this in an ethical way, so that
everyone can feel at ease with
capitalism. As capitalists we
must regret the last three
years. In those years, jobs and
prosperity were not delivered.
They must be delivered in the

nineties." That was a theme echoed, though rarely with Mr Morgan's directness, throughout the day.

Beneath the towering dark blue backcloth of the IoD podium at the Royal Albert Hall in London, John Major, the prime minister, also acknowledged the disappointments of economic performance in the late eighties.

Speakers seized on the conference theme, "Power, Performance and Ethics" to examine the triumph of capitalism over communism. Some, like Mr Morgan, were exultant. Others, such as Carl Hahn, chairman of the board of management, insisted that there were neither winners nor losers, simply a huge mess requiring money, compassion, and a reassessment

of Western interests, too.

Ethics were a moveable feast. Business had a responsibility to the environment and the communities in which it operated. But it must

Plea to split jobs of company chiefs

SAFEGUARDS against concentrations of corporate power were urged by Barbara Mills, the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Mrs Mills, the former director of the Serious Fraud Office, said she particularly wanted to see the separation of the functions of the chairman and chief executive of a company.

company.

Concentration of power was to be found mostly in private-sector companies, sometimes bringing advantages but also carrying substantial risks, she said.

"A powerful individual can drive a company almost single-handedly to great success. A powerful individual can also ruin a company by malpractice or criminal actions." A good balance needed to be struck, which was where a number of safeguards could avoid the problems, she sald.

At the top of her list was the separation of the roles of chairman and chief executive, but she also proposed the appointment by companies of audit, remuneration and nomination committees. Companies should also ensure that no one was allowed to be the sole signatory to an

She also favoured the introduction of "active and effective" non-executive directors. Mrs Mills said: "All of

Mrs Mills said: "All of these measures are safe-guards which can protect an organisation against the over-powerful individual who may will not inhibit the talents, drive and energy of the successful directors." She said

that there was not the same problem in the public sector. There, constitutional checks and balances made it impossible for power to be concer-

trated exclusively in the

hands of an individual.

There was an interdependence in power, performance and ethics. Mrs Mills
maintained. While power
without effective performance
was useless, power with effective performance but without
ethics was positively dangerous. She felt the media spotlight was a good thing,
whether it was directed at the
public sector — including the
criminal justice system — or
private-sector companies.
Media criticism should be

constructive, she added.

Mrs Mills promised a high quality, open and accountable Crown Prosecution Service. It would strive to demystify the law and inject more care into the treatment of witnesses, victims and defendants, she said.



Mills: split function

also focus upon ethical behav

Sir Allen Sheppard, the chairman of Grand Metropolitan, the food and drink group, warned the 3,000 IoD members and guests that they should not ignore the emergence of the "active

The customer of the nineties, said Sir Alien, would influence the prosperity of huge corporations by making purchases according to whether the manufacturer or supplier behaved in a moral way. But it was Peter Morgan who set out a crisp agenda for government to enable business to pull Britain out of

The eightles saw the start of an enormous transfer of power both from government to market forces and from government to independent regulators, he said. This had been achieved by three means. Emphasis had shifted from producer to consumer, nationalised industries had been sold, and the boardroom had regained power

from the shop floor.

But at the same time, companies had been exposed to the rigours of domestic and international competition as never before. But while politicians might promise jobs, only business could create them, and politicians could only increase public spending if business paid taxes.

"At the moment, there are neither enough jobs, nor sufficient tax revenues," Mr Morgan said.

Morgan said.

The underlying strength of business had improved during the past decade. But the success of the UK economy was less dependent upon large quoted companies. For its future prosperity, Britain must rely upon encouraging inward investment, and stimulating smaller firms to grow.

"That is why the loD supports the idea that the UK should be the natural home for enterprise in Europe, a sort of Hong Kong for the single market, and we are delighted that this is an idea that frightens Mr Delors."

The government must continue to reduce the burdens on business and do all in list power to encourage small firms to grow, Mr Morgan said. The IoD's director general said April 9, election day, had delivered the nation's judgment on the transfer of power to the market, and it had been "a near thing."

Free markets had been given a fresh chance to show that they could deliver despite their failings, and those of government, during the late eighties.

Business must now show the "critical chorus of closet collectivists ... that our system is more honest, free and more effective in taking this country forward to prosperi-



Pointing the way: Carl Hahn, the VW chief, at the IoD convention yesterday

# Business urged to create opportunities for the East

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BUSINESS leaders must accept their ethical responsibilities to help the emerging states of Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, as well as for the environment and their own workers, Carl Hahn, chairman of Volkswagen's board of management, told the IoD convention.

"We must open up our markets, not just offer humanitarian aid. We must invest and export. To integrate 300 million people into the Western world, our side will have to implement deep structural change, if we are to give this challenge a fighting chance." he said.

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Dr Hahn's appeal was made against a background of increasing discontent among German workers obliged to share the cost of integrating the former East German states through low pay increases and high interest rates. But he was emphatic that business must provide an ethical lead in this, as in other fields where business impinged on peoples' day-to-day lives.

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"As we in Europe acknowledge our economic
and political power and recognise the need for out-

standing performance in a competitive world, we must also accept the ethical and moral responsibility that falls upon us as leaders of the developed world," he

"We are faced with the spectacle of misery and helplessness. The aftermath of the Cold war is as devastating and complete as any ever fought using traditional means. It is a challenge we must accept, to ensure peace and prosperity for mankind in the 21st

Restoring the damage to the environment caused by destructive industrial exploitation was a big challenge in the East, Dr Hahn said. But environmental protection had become imperative. "We must now restore balance to the world, with an approach characterised by the good husbandry of our Farth."

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To compete successfully in the future, businesses would have to rely increasingly on the skill and flexibility of their workers, he said. Miniaturisation, cheaper transport and the free flow of information had eroded the traditional advantages European busi-

ness possessed. "More than ever, people are the decisive factor in the competition between companies and nations.

Mind and knowledge, education and training — these are what count today, alongside market economy thinking and social consensus."

In a turn of phrase calculated to raise eyebrows at the IoD convention. Dr Hahn called for a new attitude towards "our partners in collective agreements".

Unions in Britain have re-

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Unions in Britain have repeatedly called for a "social partnership" between themselves, industry, and government. But business leaders in Britain have vigorously backed the government's resistance to attempts by the European Commission to give unions a larger influence in com-

pany management.

Although making no reference to the role of unions,
Dr Hahn said: "We now see that the best solution is to bring all workers closer to the creation and management of resources, and to invest them with a sense of ownership through increased participation and responsibility."

# Active consumer plays key role in new democracy of market place

ONE catalyst for the emergence of a new enlightened form of capitalism is the active consumer.

This was the theme pursued by Sir Allen Sheppard, chairman and group chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, the food and leisure group, as he analysed what he described as a new democracy of the market place.

Another catalyst had been

a visionary attitude towards society by business leaders. He said: "When the state encourages free enterprise and steps back from direct intervention in business activity its effect is to motivate businessmen to shoulder greater responsibility themselves. There is no mythical 'they' to solve every problem."

The sense of greater per-

The sense of greater personal responsibility had prompted businessmen to see that the prosperity of their businesses was inextricably connected with the prosperity of the whole community. If a community was prosperous, well-educated, well-trained, ambitious and healthy, the prospects for business would be outstanding.

Now enter the active consumers, indicated Sir Allen. And were they, he asked, just like the consumer activists of the past, the erstwhile Ralph Naders?

The difference, he pointed

The difference, he pointed out, was that 20 years ago consumer activists were few in number. Now the active consumers, concerned about "green" and similar affairs, were part of the mainstream of society, from barbers to bankers.

Moreover, they were likely to put their money where their values were — what Sir Allen typified as one purchase, one vote.

He quoted a Tesco director

He quoted a Tesco director who had pointed out: "The public has changed its perspective from a narrow focus on the quality of the product to a broader concern with the quality of life. Morality is increasingly involved in people's decisions."

Today's consumers were well informed, maintained Sir Allen. Publications were making the general public increasingly aware of the businesses behind the brands and their policies on sensitive issues.

Manufacturers and retailers had also played a role, he added. "They have positively responded to their changing market place and many have taken a pro-active stance and willingly given out information about corporate policy and brand ownership."

Corporate responsibility was an integral part of doing business, said Sir Allen. Both employees and shareholders were becoming increasingly interested in corporate values and attitudes. High quality recruits would cross question would-be employers about their community strategy and

some big shareholders would do the same. There was a new dimension

to marketing, said Sir Allen who went on: "We still have to satisfy old criteria of excellence. We must also ensure that when the public looks behind the brand to ask what sort of people we are they will like what they find."

As an example of commitment to the community. Sir Allen instanced GrandMet's main board committee that concerns itself exclusively with community affairs. The company was involved in the Business in the Community programme and the Business Leaders Forum. Many of the programmes were focused on education.

# Governor points way to combat fraud

BANKS, accountants and shareholders must share the blame for the crash of the Maxwell group of companies, but there can be no simple solution to ensure that a similar repetition is impossible, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, said.

Warning members of the Institute of Directors against a "counter-productive" search for perfect company supervision, the governor said: "We can create various safeguards, but we can never have a fail safe system. The price of freedom both for individuals and for enterprises seeking to be successful in creating prosperity is eternal vigilance, not eternal reporting."

The governor was responding to criticism of the failure of regulators to prevent a series of City scandals in the late 1980s, and focused on the crash of companies controlled by the late Robert Maxwell, the publisher.

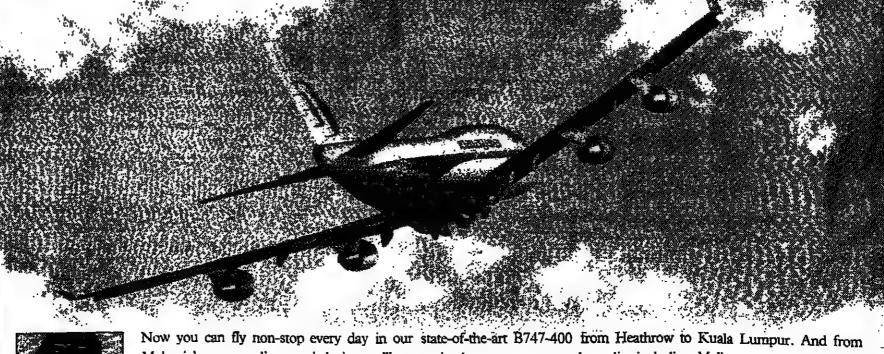
We need to make it much clearer who does what, and the degree of protection provided by each agency's role," the Governor

the Governor said. Expectations of supervisory agencies must be more realistic. None of the groups involved in supervision had any cause for complacency. Mr Leigh-Pemberton said, and called on companies to strengthen further the role of non-executive directors. The role of chief executive and chairman should in general be separated.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton also placed an obligation upon banks to ensure that they know the full extent of debts and obligations of companies to which they lend money.

Reports by Ross Tieman and Derek Harris

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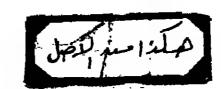
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# Quinton departure. planned for months

By JONATHAN PRYNN

SIR John Quinton, the outgoing chairman and chief executive of Barclays, has again moved to scotch the flurry of recent rumours surrounding the circumstances of his impending departure from his roles at the bank.

At a hastily arranged press conference yesterday. Sir John, 62, denied the timing of his retirement at the end of the year, and his replacement as chief executive next week, were the result of pressure from fellow directors or shareholders. "The management changes have been planned over a number of months. They have not come about through any boardroom coup or bartle over the past few weeks," he said. The decision to announce

# Lloyds **Chemists** expands

LLOYDS Chemists, Britain's largest retail chemist after Boots, is expanding its Scot-tish operations. The company, which recently won control of Macarthy, its rival, after a £91.6 million agreed bid, is offering up to £6.6 million for Ayrshire Pharma-ceuticals, the second-largest wholesale chemists business in Scotland.

Ayrshire operates 14 chemist stores and two drugstores Its distribution network will be used to service Lloyds's 70 recently acquired Savory & Moore chemists in Scotland as well as the Ayrshire chemist stores. An initial consider-ation of £6.3 million will be satisfied by the issue of about 1.72 million new Lloyds ordinary shares, representing 1.4

per cent of the shares in issue. Lloyds has received irrevocable acceptances for 51.3 per cent of Ayrshire's ordinary shares and 60.9 per cerit e preferred ordinary.

# Yule growth

Yule Catto, the chemicals and building products group, has maintained its record of unbroken earnings growth since 1980. Earnings per share rose 13 per cent to 16.1p last year. Pre-tax profits rose 6 per cent to £21.8 million. A final dividend of 3.1p (2.7p) makes 5.4p, a 15 per cent increase. Tempos, page 20

# Whitbread issue

Whitbread is raising £50 million by an issue of 11 a per cent debenture stock, manuing in 2011, as a further tranche of a £135 million debenture issued in 1990.

# Gencor slips

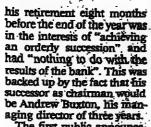
Gencor, South Africa's second-largest mining group, is raising its interim dividend from 15 to 16 cents despite a drop in half-time net, attributable profits from R764 million to R562 million (£110 cents).

# Hicking buys

Hicking Pentecost, the textiles and specialist forgings group, is paying up to 2500,000 for the Thompson Horseley Bridge water storage business from Northern Engineering Industries.

# Explaura loss

Explaura Holdings reports pre-tax losses of £2.11 million (£1 million loss) for last year. Explaura, as a developing mining operation, is not yet a



The first public announcement of the succession was originally planned for the bank's annual meeting to morrow, but was brought forward because of the rumours. Mr Buxton, 53, and a member of one the original found-ing families of the Barciays group, will also be the new chief executive from May 1, One story last weekend

claimed that Sir John had returned from holiday in Mauritius last week to be presented with a fait accompli by dissatisfied non-executive directors. When he was asked at the press conference whether he enjoyed the full support of his non-executive directors. Sir John replied, "absolutely".

Shareholders were said to be unhappy about the bank's recent financial performance and particularly concerned about the size of its exposure to the property market. Some are thought not to welcome the continuation of Barclays' tradition of appointing a chief executive who is also the chairman of the bank, However, Mr Buxton pointed out that the board had deliberately appointed a strong deputy chairman, Sir Peter Middle-ton, a former Treasury per-manent secretary, "who has executive authority across large parts of the group".

Sir John also said that he wanted to "kill the story that I spend all my time on the Football Premier League," of which he was appointed chairman last December, Sir John said he spent about two hours a week on his tootball responsibilities compared with the 60 to 65 hours



# IMF seeks an end to trade impasse

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent THE International Monetary Fund, fresh from approv-ing Russia and most of the former Soviet republics as new members, has called for a "rapid conclusion" of the stalled world trade talks to

restore dynamism in giobal trade and maintain credibility in the trading system.

The success of the negotiations is a must, IMF's ruling interim committee said in an emphatic communique thatmarked the end of its spring

meeting in Washington. The communique said the Uruguay round negotiations, in progress since 1986, would contribute to sustained world ecovery and medium-term

The committee stressed the importance of concerted medium-term strategy aimed at sustainable growth and price stability that would streng-then private sector confi-dence. Economic policy also had to address the convergence required for economic and monetary union in Europe, and to cope with the

company's aim of developing

branded businesses. GrandMet is selling opera-

tions that do not carry a

strong brand name, and bulk

milk supply was no longer in keeping with its strategy.

Dairy and Eden Vale busi-

nesses in November for £359

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and food service businesses in

Waterford will continue to

supply cream for Bailey's

GrandMet paid between

E80 million and £100 million

for control of Cinzano in Jan-

uary, adding it to other brands in its drinks range.

such as J&B Scotch whisky

The group then bought an American maker of frozen

Original Irish Cream.

and Smirnoff vodka.

GrandMet sold its Express

### arising from the economic transformation of the former Soviet Bloc and the needs of the developing world, the communique said.

It expressed concern that the provisionally agreed in-drease of \$60 billion in subscription quotas for the IMF, still blocked by the Americans, had not yet come into effect. Michel Camdessus, the IMF managing director, sald more resources soon, given

the mounting demands on it. He said that the IMFs autumn session would address the international liquidity issue, but ruled out use of a special facility, the General Agreement to Borrow, in lieu of quota increases.

On the trade talks, Carlos Solchaga, the Spanish finance minister and chairman of the interim committee. said he could not see how the talks could fail, given that the Uniquey round was a "positive sum" that would mean that everybody would gain. -

# Clark gets taste for Strathmore water

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

MATTHEW Clark, owner of the Old English Sherry and Stone's Ginger Wine brands, is buying Strathmore Miner-al Water, of Forfar, near Dundee, for £11 million cash. Britons drank an estimated

seven litres of bottled water each in 1990, compared with 70 litres per person in France, West Germany and Italy, and more than 23 litres per person in America. Britons are forecast to be drinking 17 litres per person by 1996, equivalent to annual sales of 1 billion litres.

Strathmore markets sparkling, still and citrus-flavoured bottled water. Joseph Dunn (Bottlers), its parent com-pany, has agreed to subscribe £3 million for Matthew Clark shares at 414.3p each, giving Joseph Dunn a 7.4 per cent

Peter Aikens, chief execu-tive of Matthew Clark, said that he intends to emulate Strathmore's success in Scotland throughout the rest of the British market. - The deal should comple-

ture and cash-generative brands, he added. "An at-tempt to establish a brand with a comparable market standing would cost more than the price being paid for the Strathmore business."

PETER TRIEVENOR

British sales of bottled water rose from 80 million litres in 1984 to an estimated 400 million litres in 1990, and were expected to have risen further in 1991.

The value of bottled water sales in Britain had increased from £52 million in 1984 to £330 million by 1990. Strathmore made pre-tax profits of £452,000 in the

year ended March. Matthew Clark said that the acquisition would lead to a small dilution in net earnings for the year to end April, 1993, but would enhance

carnings thereafter. In an update to its Octoberended interim report, issued on January 21, the group said that margins remained under pressure and there was no sign of an ending of the recession. Matthew Clark shares

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

# **United Biscuits buys** chocolate maker

UNITED Biscuits is continuing its expansion on the Continent with the acquisition of 74 per cent of Aura, of Genoa in Italy. Therprice was not disclosed, but industry sources estimate that the deal is worth slightly more than £10 million. Aura is a private company, employing 150 people, making premium quality chocolate, particularly pralines, for the Italian market.

Aura, which is profitable and had a turnover of £17 million last year, will operate within Terry's Group, UB's chocolate and confectionery arm. The purchase, which is

UB's second confectionery acquisition in mainland Europe after a move into the French market in 1990, will allow the group to expand into southern Europe.

# Trust's net assets fall

EDINBURGH Investment Trust, Britain's second biggest, saw its net assets fall 4 per cent to 253.8p per share during the year to end March, compared with a 2 per cent fall in the FT all-share index. The equity portfolio, of which 61 per cent is invested in the UK, was valued at £752.6 million at the year end. Pre-tax revenue rose marginally to £32.9 million (£32.3 million). The final dividend is being increased to 5.2p (4.95p), making a total of 8.05p for the year, a 4.5 per cent improvement. The share price fell 5 per cent to 212.5p during the year and the discount to net assets narrowed from

# Plastiseal plunges

PLASTISEAL, the manufacturer and fitter of doors and windows, plunged to a loss before tax of £780,000 in the year to end January compared with a profit of £310,000 in the previous period. Turnover fell from £18 million to £13.7 million. There is a loss per share of 6.2p, compared with earnings per share of 2.4p. There is no final dividend, leaving the total for the year at 1 2p (3p). Anthony Marson, the new chairman, said the company had experienced "the worst year on record". Howard Manuan and Michael Price resigned as joint chairmen. Mr Manttan becomes managing director of the operating companies.

# Texaco to shut plants

TWO Texaco oil company plants are to close with the loss of 90 jobs. The Manchester habricants manufacturing plant, where 74 people are employed, will close by the end of the year. The technical centre in Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, which has 16 workers, will shut within the same period. Staff will be offered explayment at other Texaco learning at the context of will be offered employment at other Texaco locations or a redundancy package. Texaco has ensured its brands, which include the motor oil Havoline, will continue to be produced by signing a 15-year deal with Century Olis, of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. Century will take over the manufacture of the products from June.

# Folkes lifts dividend

FOLKES Group, the property, engineering and building products company, is raising its dividend despite a slide in profits. Heavier losses in the building products division and an absence of an interest gain contributed to a 37.8 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £2.5 million last year. Earnings per share slipped from 7.49p to 4.93p. However, the final dividend is raised to 1.8p (1.75p), making 2.375p (2.3p). Turnover declined to £43.2 million (£47.7 million). There was a net interest charge of £60,000, against net receipts of £919,000 last time. The company said it has yet to see signs

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# **GrandMet sells** Irish dairy arm

managing director, said that the deals fitted in with the

GRAND Metropolitan, the food, drinks and retailing group that owns the Burger King chain, is selling its Irish dairy interests for Ire99 million (£89.9 million).

Waterford Foods is paying Ir£78 million for the operations of the Express Foods Group with the exception of Express's 80 per cent interest in Carbery Milk Products. This interest is being bought by Carbery Creameries for IrE21 million Both agreements are subject to the approval of Irish regulatory authorities.

Ian Martin, GrandMet's



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makes Caterpillar trucks and excavators under licence. Finanzauto has said that it will reject the bld. Shares in the company were suspended on Thursday and the offer represents a 21 per cent premium

Barlow Rand paid £300 million for an 86 per cent stake in Bibby. The stake has since declined to 79 per cent.

bakery products to complement its Pillsbury food operafrom £17 million to £17.3 tions and, in a further realignment, sold a 20 per cent stake in Remy Martin and Cointreau, the French cognac and liqueur companies, for

The company reports its interim results on May 14.

# **Bibby** makes

BY OUR CITY STAFF BARLOW Rand, South Afriglomerate is making a £75 million push into continental

Europe.

J Bibby & Sons, Barlow
Rand's UK subsidiary, is
bidding £75 million in cash
for Finanzauto, the sole
authorised dealer of Caterpillar earthmoving equipment in Spain and Portugal.

Barlow Rand has held the
Caterpillar dealership in
South Africa for 64 years and

on the suspension price.
The City has been awaiting such a move since 1984 when

Bibby's pre-tax profits rose

million in the 26 weeks to March 28. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 2.85p. Earnings per share slipped 4.6 per cent to 9.23p because of dilution of the equity after last year's one-for-ten rights issue.

# EC revises car dealership blueprint

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FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

MARTIN Bangemann, the EC industrial policy commissioner, has "watered lown" his insistence that selective dealrships should maintain their stran-dehold on the car market, commission

ources said yesterday. They say that a new Bangemann aper on the future of the European car ndustry has been revised to take on oard the views of Sir Leon Brittan, EC empetition commissioner and long-... me critic of car dealerships.

Sir Leon wants "independent" deels to be able to sell cars, and is nc. posed to supermarkets taking a share the market.

Meanwhile, Sir Leon's spokesman id that the commissioner's controverat the commissioner's controveral report on car pricing, which had
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ay, has been delayed while Herr
ngemann presents his report on the
ure of the EC car industry. "He didn't
nt the two to be confused", said the spokesman. Sir Leon's report says that the dealership system is responsible for price differences of around 40 per cent on several car models in the EC.

The Association of European Car Makers, ACEA, yesterday refused to comment on the dealerships issue. Ru-dolf Beger, its secretary general, com-plained that both the Brittan and Bangemann documents had been made available to the press, while the industry itself had been kept in the dark.

"I talked to the European dealers' association this morning and they had no idea what was going on." he said.

Herr Bangemann's paper calls for research and development funds for the car industry to be boosted, and to be

channeled into specific areas of study.
It says that last year over 64 billion was spend on research and develop-ment by manufacturers and about 12:8 billion by equipment suppliers. These figures are comparable with amounts spent in America and Japan, it says, but the investment effort is not being matched by market results. The docu-

ment infers that EC car makers' stan-dards have lagged behind their Japanese rivais.

Any increase in EC funding to the car industry would depend on Jacques Delors, the commission president, getting his controversial budget proposals past member states — and Britain is opposed to any R&D money that does little more than help prop up ailing EC industrial giants.

ACEA says car dealerships must stay because they guarantee the customer; after-sales service and promote the image of EC carmakers. They also prevent independent suppliers bringing Japanese cars into Europe, and therefore provide the commission with a means of controlling Japanese exports until the end of the century. Car industry sources are bitterly criti-

cal of the methodology used in Sir Leon's report. One industry source said yesterday that the same consultants who prepared the report admitted its figures could be "interpreted in differ-



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# STOCK MARKET

# Sell-off talk lifts Lasmo shares

SPECULATORS drove the has been hard on the com shares in Lasmo, the oil exploration group, up another 11p to 239p amid increasing hopes that the group is close to making another big disposal. Lasmo's share price has come up from about 195p in the past month. At the time of its £1.2 billion bid for Ultramar last year, the shares stood at 330p but, subsequently, have been as low as 175p with fund managers taking a cautious view of prospects as well as the higher level of debt.

There has been persistent talk recently about a bid from Europe with the French oil groups Elf Aquitaine and Total both mentioned. However, hopes are now growing that Lasmo has found a buyer for its Wilmington oil refinery in California, which could fetch as much as £400

Alan Sinclair at Smith New Court, the broker, expects the disposal to be announced within the next three months and he expects Wilmington to fetch a good price. However, he doubts the likelihood of a bid and says that the recent resurgence in the share price stems from better information about the company. He said: "The rest of the market pany over the Ultramar deal, but it now looks as if there has been a change of heart."

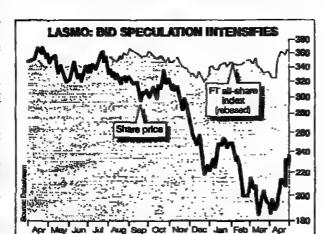
The rest of the oils attracted selective support, helped by overnight buying on Wall Street where investors have been attracted by yields. BP. which is reporting next month, rose 7 p to 263 p. Enterprise Oil 7p to 420p, Clyde Petroleum 1 2p to 53p, Burmah 6p to 602p, Shell 3p to 474p and Hardy Oil 2p to

The rest of the equity market spent a drab day, drifting on lack of interest after the overnight setback on Wall Street and before the Bank holiday weekend. The CBI survey, indicating that an end to the recession may be near, encouraged the bargain-hunters in after-hours trading and so enabled prices to close off the bottom. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 23 points earlier, closed 7.2 points off at 2,651.0, Turnover reached 605 million

Government securities attracted little support and finished with falls of about Ete at the longer end.

Midland Bank was the

main focus of attention, rising 13p to 394p on a turn-



over of 26 million shares, as its rival, Lloyds, announced that it was proposing to launch a bid, valuing the group at £3.7 billion. Lloyds said that it planned to offer

the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank of 378p. However, Lloyds issued a warning that it might not proceed with its offer if it were referred to the

monopolies commission.

Dealers were waiting to see

than the all-paper offer from

Clinton Cards, the retailer of greetings cards, consolidated Monday's 9p rise, finishing unchanged at 85p. The shares tumbled from a peak of 300p last year after the compan dropped into the red. However, Clinton is now back on a recovery tack and this has led to claims that there may soon be a bid. WH Smith may already have made an approach.

one of its own shares, 10p lower at 417p, plus 30p in cash, for every share in the

last night if HSBC, the parent of Hongkong and Shanghai, The deal values Midland at was prepared to increase its 447p a share and is higher all-paper offer and introduce

proposed offer from Lloyds sent HSBC climbing op to

Barclays lost 6p at 353p as Sir John Quinton confirmed his decision to step down as chairman at the end of this

National Westminster shed 1p to 335p as Lord Alexander, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the economy was showing only tentative signs of

The pre-conditions laid

down by Lloyds over its bid for Midland succeeded in dampening some of the bid speculation seen in other takeover targets. There were losses for Allied-Lyons, down 10p at 643p, Tarmac 5p to 15ip and ICI 3p to £13.70. 3 per cent of ICI, has been ring down talk that it may he on the look-out for another isition. The shares eased lp to 234 5p.

Tesco was unchanged at 291 p as it gave a presentation brokers. Credit Lyonnais Laing has changed its recommendation for the shares in Guardian Royal Exchange, down 4p at 143p, from a hold

MICHAEL CLARK

# TEMPUS

# De Beers sends a message that diamonds are forever

versely, has done itself a favour in baring its soul for the first time to talk, in midterm, about diamond sale

Yesterday's suggestion by Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman, that first-half 1992 Central Selling Org-anisation sales could be 15 per cent down on last year's \$2.08 billion first half, gives some stability to an investment market that was jittery with rumours of a dreadful offtake at the year's first

three sights.

The fourth sight of 1992 is taking place in London now, and an improved sales trend, already detected, could mean that 1992 secand-half diamond sales will exceed 1991's comparable

De Beers, meanwhile, re-mins the limmetal muscle to name the humanial muscle to see itself through quieter times, and is thrusting an extra 10 per cent behind its worldwide advertising pro-gramme, on which it will spend \$164 million this year, equal to \$449,000 a day.

day. The impact of lower CSO sales on its diamond ac-count is only part of De Beers' profits profile. In-come from De Beers' extensive investments not directly

coupled with respectable interest received, have traditionally covered the dividend comfortably, and though interim profits may disappoint, no dividend shocks are expected.

Year-end pre-tax profits could inch up from \$1.03 billion to \$1.09 billion, and at \$24.80 a share the current 17 per cent discount to a net worth estimated at \$30 a share is an attraction.

The group has lived through depressed times before, and has aptly demonstrated its ability to survive. Diamonds, per se, are forever, and the shares are for trading. The hint of brighter days in 1993 suggests that trading days have arrived — with the preference for buying, rather

### Yule Catto

HAVING disposed of its Malaysian plantation in-terests for £16.5 million in January last year, Yule Catto, the low-profile specialist chemicals and building products group, has removed one of the last remaining concerns hanging over its share price.
The company had been

New York — Blue chips were modestly lower in mid-mom-

ing, while the broad and sec-

for managing its way through the recession in good shape, but a series of acquisitions had left the balance sheet more highly geared, at SI per cent, than some analysts were comfortable with. The disposal and some impressive cash generation have since reduced borrowings from £35.2 million to £11.5 million and gearing to 26 per cent, with interest covered eight times.

Yule has a history of growth by medium-sized acquisitions, the latest being Unilock in 1990, and, with the balance sheet tidied up. the chances of another bid

Both sides of the business performed surprisingly well last year, in part a reflection of the geographical spread of Yule's markets, and the company has certainly justified last year's dramatic re-

Earnings seem certain to be pushed ahead again this year, giving Yule a 12-year record of unbroken earnings growth. BZW's forecast of £24 million of pre-tax profits puts the shares on a forward multiple of 14. against 9 a year ago. The shares seem to have caught up with events. although further upward rerating cannot be ruled out.

# Strength, size and diversity the many facets of De Beers

# Six points from Julian Ogilvie Thompson's Chairman's Statement for 1991

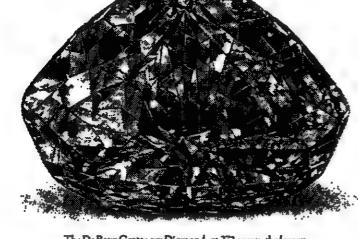
# Outlook

Sales of rough diamonds and the combined profits of De Beers/ Centenary have held up well in difficult economic conditions — a tribute to the strength and diversity of the Group and its ability to fulfil its traditional role: stabilising the diamond market for producers and the trade in troubled times. When the world economy resumes a reasonable rate of growth the diamond business can be confident of renewed prosperity.

The diamond cutting centres are soundly financed, their stocks are not high and sales of diamond jewellery remain satisfactory. In yen, retail sales of diamond jewellery in Japan were unchanged and this translated into an increase in dollar terms. World sales, therefore, matched the record set in 1990. To sustain retail sales we have increased our annual expenditure on advertising and promotion to US\$164 million.

# Producers' support

Major diamond producers have confirmed their commitment to centralised marketing through the Central Selling Organisation (CSO). De Beers Centenary's important sales contract with the former USSR has been taken over by Rossalmazzoloto of the Russian Federation and continues to operate satisfactorily. Further proof of the close relations between De Beers Centenary and the Russian Federation's diamond producers was provided in Ma. ch this



The De Beers Centenary Diamond, at 273 carass, the largest modern-cut top-colour flawless diamond in the world.

year when Sakha (Yakutia) signed an exclusive contract with the CSO. During 1991 the CSO also renewed its contracts with other major producers, Botswana and Australia.

# Group earnings

Combined attributable earnings declined by 20 per cent in US dollars to \$763 million — a significantly better outcome than many other natural resources companies - and equity accounted earnings tell by 18 per cent to \$1,078 million. Total dividends per linked unit were 112.1 US cents compared with 111.3 US cents in 1990.

# Mining

The US\$400 million Venetia project is now scheduled to achieve full capacity by the end of 1993. With output of 5.9 million carats a year the Venetia mine should make a major contribution to De Beers

Consolidated's production and profits. Debswana's mines produced 16.5 million carats last year and a feasibility study on increasing tonnage throughput from Jwaneng by a third is nearing completion. În Namibia, CDM's on-shore production rose to more than 1 million carats, contributing higher profits to De Beers Centenary and higher revenue to the Namibian Government. The extra carats flowed from the new Auchas mine on the Orange River and the new Elizabeth Bay mine at Lüderitz. A further 171,000 carats were recovered off-shore by Debmarine on behalf of CDM.

# Other investments

The De Beers/Centenary Group's financial strength derived in part from its expanding non-diamond investments: in Neusiedler AG, the Austrian paper manufacturer, as well as in Anglo American Industrial Corporation and in Highveld Steel. The latter flowed largely from the acquisition of Middelburg Steel & Alloys and is a prelude to the development of the Columbus stainless steel project, which will present a major investment opportunity.

# South Africa

We were heartened by the remarkable success of the National Party-Democratic Party alliance in achieving a resounding "yes" vote in the referendum on the continuation of reform. A more challenging task lies ahead - how to agree a new constitution that will strike the delicate balance between legitimacy and efficiency, equity and prosperity. A dialogue is just beginning between business, unions, political parties and government on how to achieve an effective market-driven economic system. There is, however, as yet too little emphasis on the encouragement of investment, individual effort and enterprise. South Africa is, nevertheless, benefiting from its re-integration into the world in sport, culture, trade, technology and finance - and the outlook is more optimistic than for many a decade.

The tull Charrman's Statement is available with the Annual Reports of the two Companies for the year ended 31st December 1991, which have been posted to registered shareholders. Copies may be obtained by writing to the London address below.

# De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd

# De Beers Centenary AG

### ondary share markets weakened. The Dow Jones industrial average lost ten points to 3,294.56. Shares and bonds showed little reaction to a sharp rise in April consumer

WALL STREET

☐ Hong Kong — Shares continued their surge and passed

statement by Lloyds Bank that it was considering a £3.7 billion bid against HSBC Holdings' agreed takeover of Midland Bank. The Hang Seng index climbed 51.62 points, or 0.96 per cent, to a record close of 5,423.39 after touching 5,442.90. HSBC Holdings jumped HK\$1.25 to HK\$42.75. (Reuter) Apr 28 Apr 27 modday close

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### THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION

The 154th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SCOTTISHPROVIDENT INSTITUTION will be held on WEDNESDAY, 20MAY 1992 at 12\_30 p.m. in the HEAD OFFICE, 6 ST ANDREW SQUARE, EDINBURGH.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address By order of the Board of

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# The City's role in Sir John's legacy

arclays Bank duly confirmed that Sir John Quinton is to retire at the end of the year, handing over the chairmanship to his deputy, Andrew Buxton. At that point, Mr Buxton will become both chairman and chief executive, a position unfashionable (but not necessarily uncomfortable) in that it flies in the face of institutional shareholder views on what is politically correct these days.

Sir John was at pains to point out, without dissent from his boardroom colleagues, that there was no boardroom coup or pressure from non-executives. For some time, though no one was prepared to be specific on that score, Sir John's departure at the end of this year has been agreed internally. Put another way though, there will be little pressure for Sir John to stay on until he reaches the age of 65 in two years. For the bank, and Sir John personally, the past 12 months have been appalling

The dash for growth, in the shape of a hefty rights issue in 1988 and the subsequent deployment of the bank's beefed-up asset base, has been a sorry tale of over-exposure to the most vulnerable segments of an economy, switching swiftly from boom conditions to deep recession. In particular, Barclays has suffered from its lending to property market casualties, such

as Heron, Speyhawk and Olympia & York.

Even a bank as large as Barclays, one of the few British companies which ranks among the world's biggest in its field, cannot shrug off bad debts last year of \$1.55 billion. Its lists year of £1.55 billion. Its loan book will be badly hit again this year as the tail of the recession blows itself out. Mr Buxton has a substantial task on hand to meet both the aspirations of his customers and his shareholders as loan demand recovers along with the economy. But even as they grumble about the legacy of the Quinton years, those shareholders should face up to the implications of their own role in the saga. There were few, if any, dissenting voices when Barclays sought its rights issue and no clamour as the money was spent on the dash for growth. Perfect hindsight is no substitute for a timely sense of prudence and the courage to give voice to it.

# Halifax dangers

ere we go again. Home owners are being encouraged to use the equity in their properties to pay off credit cards and fund school fees. The only difference this time is that the largest mortgage lender is involved. The Halifax iswilling to lend up to 85 per cent of current home values to parents who are struggling to pay school fees and other bills. It will be tempting to the parents and will help the Halifax to increase its falling market share. But it is fraught with dangers for borrowers.

House prices are still falling and the attraction of paying off pressing debts has to be set against the idea of paying for a meal bought on a credit covered by indemnity policies for loans over 75 percent of the value of the property. The borrowers will not be so lucky. They could find themselves with a mortgage larger than the value of their property if prices continue to fall as they have done over the last six months or they fall behind with payments. Interest rates may be set to fall in the coming months but even then mortgage borrowers are not expected to get much benefit. They are

not guaranteed to stay down forever.

Last time the lenders were willing to let home owners unlock the value of their property, prices were rising. Societies have told us ever since that they were not involved in irresponsible lending. Now they should prove it.

# The West starts to count the cost of its Russian rhetoric

The former Soviet states have joined the IMF and World Bank, but Colin Narbrough asks who will pay their membership fees

evolutions often devour their children. Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika may have looked, in its time. like sweeping change for the Soviet Union after seven decades of communist command economics. From today's vantage point, with the Soviet Union expired and market reforms shaking the foundations of the 15 republics it spawned, Mr. Gorbachev's efforts fade into a blur

of confusing and heady changes.
Yegor Gaidar, the 36-year-old
Russian deputy prime minister,
showed the face of reforming leadership at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank meetings in Washington this week. Here was the true disciple of market principles who has boldly dared to go where others leared to tread.

Mr Gaidar has been the driving force behind Russia's exchange-rate and trade liberalisation this year. He also presided over a dramatic freeing of prices and took the scythe, or was it a sickle, to state subsidies. His appearance at the Group of Seven meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors was described as highly convincing by those who took part. Persistent doubts about the ability of a halting world contourly to bear the dead weight of the former Soviet Union seemed at least oversome, if not

weight of the former Soviet Union seemed at least overcome, if not entirely dispelled.

The formal blessing the G? gave to the \$24 billion package for balance of payments support and rouble stabilisation led naturally to the IMF and the World Bank, twin pillars of post-war international economic order, warmly opening their arms to Russia and the former

Soviet republics.
Given the doors to aid and credit that membership of these institutions should unlock, it must be asked how much the wise heads of the West actually know about the state of the economies in Russia and its erstwhile colories. We may all be brothers now under the much feted new global order, but it would te measure on activity across the 17 million square kilometres and 11 time zones that Russia spans, let sione in the other republics. Russia alone has a population in excess of 148 million. Though crumbling, its economy has great breadth and

depth.

The IMF has been sending out experts to assess the situation in the former Soviet Union since the emerging new states started to apply for membership last year. It is no small irony that the head of the department responsible is John Odling-Smee, until 18 months ago deputy chief economic adviser to the British Treasury, an Institution with



Lean pickings: how long will Russian shoppers queue patiently for reforms to take effect

a poor record for gauging the health even an open economy such as Britain's. The department's diagnostics led the IMF to conclude that the market reforms demanded of Eastern Europe should also apply in Russia: the system has to be freed up as quickly as possible, financial and monetary policy has to be kept under control and privatisation

Mr Gaidar's vigorous action de-serves full praise. His political survival, however, is uncertain, as is that of Boris Yeltsin, his president, Furthermore, the Gulf conflict reminded us that Russia is not always what it appears to be, and that it has developed camouflage into an art form — "Potemkin villages" were fake Russian settlements built on the horizon to please passing royalty keen to see the countryside

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor. rightly sought in Washington to underline the frightful prospect if the international community were not to extend support to the former Soviet Union. Does the cost-conscious Chancellor see value for mon-

exits changes of several of more ey in early aid, perhaps?
Exactly what the West, including Britain, will have to pay, and for how long, is impossible to say. The IMF estimate has already reached \$100 billion over the next four years,

the equivalent of about 2 per cent of total world investment last year. quarter or more of all loans and the intent is that this will only be seed

Michel Camdessus, the French managing director of the IMF, has suggested two non-inflationary ways to fund the extra demands: the peace dividend and the removal of agricultural subsidies. Merely reducing military expenditure among high spenders to the global average of 4.5 per cent of gross domestic product would release about \$140 oillion a year. The abolition of farm subsidies in the industrialised countries would reduce annual public spending by something in the order of \$100 billion.

deadlocked world trade talks could release substandefence cuis already in progress. Given the G7 concern about the size of fiscal deficits, it is unlikely that western governments will pour too large a share of unlocked resources down black holes in the balance

sheets of the former Soviet Union.
The IMF expects that the funds needed for the former Soviet Union could rise to about \$25 billion to \$30 billion in the next four years. The World Bank expects to lend \$4 billion to \$5 billion a year from mid-1994, on top of the \$3 billion it will disburse to Eastern Europe. Former

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bid by Lloyds Bank than they

have been offered from

I cannot comment on the

past performance of shares in

Lloyds Bank, of which I know

nothing. However, from an income of £500 a year from

shares in the Hongkong and

Shanghai Bank, acquired 30 years ago, the yield is now £18,000 per annum. This is

despite having sold shares in

HSBC every year to make full use of our Capital Gains Tax

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From Mr Brian Brown

Sir, Your Comment (April 23)

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com to lure the private investor.

The prize for the West's efforts, and the leading industrial economies will have to bear the bulk of the overall cost of aid packages, will be a stimulus to world growth as recovery occurs in Russia and the other republics. If the 17 per cent shrinkage in output in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe last year were converted to, say, 4 per cent growth this year, it would more than double the 1.4 per cent overall world growth as projected by the IMF. At resent, this is ple in the sky but the are for annual growth in the region of 4 per cent. If the IMF-imposed reforms prove effective, the global economy would certainly acquire a

IMF programmes should, however, carry a distinct health warning, especially for countries prone to backshiding on commitments to reshaping their economy. Though not conclusive, the evidence from various studies of IMF schemes suggests that countries which failed to meet goals set during the eighties experienced only minimal improvements in growth. An in-house study by the IMF concluded oddly that its fiscal reform scheme had virtually no ef-

healthier form.

fect on a country's growth, possibly only laying the ground for expansion further in the future. Some of the IMFs patients appear not to respond to the medicine, arguably because they fail to take the right dosage. Haiti in the Caribbean is

one example.

The arrival of new boys from the old Soviet bloc at the IMF and World Bank, and the attention they command, naturally alarmed the developing nations group. The Group of 24 developed economies issued a communique politely wel-coming Russia and the former Soviet republics to the international fold. The real message was that the new members must not be allowed to divert funds away from the rest of the developing world. The poor na-tions, the G24 noted, were still seeking to cope with pervasive poverty, heavy debt burdens and barriers to their exports. After adjustment for inflation, the flow of funds to the developing countries actually declined in 1991.

et the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects and the Developing Countries, suggests that while the nineties did not begin well for the developing world, there were definite bright spots, particularly in the fast expanding economies of east Asia where growth averaged aimost 7 per cent last year. Excluding the former Soviet Union, the developing countries are expected to achieve average growth of 4.9 per cent this decade, compared with 3.2 per cent in the last.

One certainty is that demands on the IMF and the World Bank will increase strongly into the next cen-tury. The IMF has already provi-sionally approved a \$60 billion in-crease in quota subscriptions to add to the \$130 billion members have paid. America, the biggest contributor to both institutions, has been unable to get approval from Congress for its \$12 billion quota, which has held up the whole process.

This week's Washington gatherings revealed growing annoyance among Japanese and German delegates over America's desire to act as chief navigator to the world economy. Charting the way was a logical task for America at the end of the second world war, but times have changed and the Cold war is over. Nicholas Brady, the American treasury secretary, has failed to convince Germany and Japan of the need to er than inflation.

Signals emerging from the spring meetings indicate that Japan, the second biggest contributor to the IMF and World Bank, wants the institutions to loosen their strict adherence to free-market principles, when dealing with developing countries. Government-backed planning, so successful for post-war Japan, is Tokyo's preference. Germany's cosseting of east German industry points in a similar direction. Congress will certainly be unfilling to strump up more money for willing to stump up more money for international bodies set on turning the clock back, especially where Russia is involved.

# THE TIMES

### Close chief keeps his cool

THE boyhood memories of at least one reader of The Times were triggered by reports in this newspaper of the bomb damage suffered by Close Brothers, the merchant bank in Great St Helens, next to Commercial Union, Gordon Laird was moved to write to Rod Kent, managing director of Close, telling him of a hit in 1916 when the bank, then in Moorgate, was bombed by a Zeppelin. Laird, who was eight at the time, was taken to inspect the damage by his father, an associate of Close, and recalls staff clearing up broken glass, a scene reenacted earlier this month by Kent and his colleagues. In 1916, Laird muses, the cleaning implement would have been a Ewbank rather than a Hoover, but in both instances, the Close board displayed the same calm. Perhaps coolest of all, however, was Hugh Ashton, Close's chairman. He was the mys-tery man spotted on ITN news the day after the bombing, inspecting the debris in a top hat and tails. He had, he now reveals, come straight from the wedding, at St Lawrence Jewry, of Jane Welch, grandaughter of Sir Cullen Welch, a former Lord Mayor of London.

# Rained off

DE BEERS, the diamond mining group, is well acquainted with the sound of drilling. It was, however, far from amused when the noise of power drills being used by British Gas workmen outside the insurance Hall in

# **CITY DIARY**



"We might need to expand into the local Midland branch."

lian Ogilvie Thompson, the chairman, in the midst of a presentation to analysts. As if by magic, the drilling stopped in time for Ogilvie Thompson to speak, but De Beers denies. reports that it paid off the gas. men. Roger van Eeghen, De Beers corporate affairs spokesman, says: "I wish I had that sort of power but in fact it was the rain which saved the day. Perhaps it was the rain dance I did first thing yesterday morning . . . "

# Christmas cheers

CHRISTMAS cards have this morning been dropping onto the doormat at Winterflood Securities, in readiness for the marketmaking firm's Christmas parat the Institute of Chartered Accountants Hall, Copthall Avenue, tomorrow evening. Of its fourth out-ofseason festive party in a row, Brian Winterflood, chairman, says it is simply "one hell of a City booze up" held in April because there are too many other parties in Decem-ber. "It's designed to give

everyone a pick-me-up after the end of the financial year," he says. About 450 guests attended last year and a similar number are expected this year, with a more or less onen invitation extended to all Stock Exchange members who have dealings with the firm. A raffle - first prize is a yachting holiday for two --will raise money for the charity Remedi. of which Winterflood is the vice-chairin. If the raffle tickets sell as fast as the alcoholic refreshment, the charity should do well. After last years bash. the only unopened bottle left on the premises was a bottle of Cinzano. "It's not really a City drink," Winterflood

Vagrant finds home AFTER three years on the market, millionaire Peter de Savary's private yacht. Vagrant, has been sold. It has been bought by a Japanese buyer for about £2 million. De Savary, who is said to be under financial pressure, has, nevertheless, denied he disposed of the yacht to raise cash. He claims it had simply become too small for family holidays, after the birth of his fourth daughter. Last year, for this reason, the family used another luxury vessel Taramber, named after his daughters Tara and Amber. The yacht was left on de Savary's hands after an American who commissioned it cancelled the transaction. The 120ft yacht has just been voted Best Sailing Yacht of the Year by America's Show-boat magazine and de Savary

price of about £30 million. CAROL LEONARD | cent compound in the 11

now hopes a buyer can be found for this boat too, at a

# Directors and compensation

### From Mrs Elains Aurons Sir. As a regular adviser on

senior executive severances. I am all too aware of the sensitivity of paying large sums to those that have failed to perform adequately. Current practice is such that the amount of compensation a director receives on termination of employment is governed by the length of notice to which he or she is entitled. However, long notice periods may not be necessary at all. When a company decides

to terminate a director's employment, its objectives are usually two-fold. First, the company generally wishes to secure an early departure (inwariably without serving any notice) with the minimum se publicity or disruption to business. Second. the company in most cases also wishes to ensure that it is duly protected, usually by restric-tive covenants, from the departing directors setting up in competition or soliciting

Companies and directors should consider whether their WC1

respective objectives can be achieved without providing for long notice periods. A service agreement could provide for the statutory minimum period of notice (the maximum of which is 12 weeks) backed up by provisions stating the amount payable by way of termination payment and the circumstances in which such pay-ment will be made. Performance could be a factor in determining the termination payment (if any) that is payable. Together with welldrafted restrictive covenants, such a system could provide the director with the financial security he is seeking, and, at the same time, address the interests of shareholders. Indeed, this is not dissimilar to practice already adopted in

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Yours faithfully ELAINE AARONS Jaques & Lewis, Solicitors 2 South Square, Gray's Inn

done in 11 years?

47 Dove Park.

# Woes of galloping growth at two banks

# From Mr Frank Selby

Sir, Your Comment (April 24) judges the Bundesbank to be in great woe as it was "unable to stop the galloping growth rate of the German money supply which surged to 9.7 per cent per annum in March". The figures refer to the German M3 - we do not have a measure with that name since 1989 — which is very close to our M4. That rose, according to the impeccable British Bankers' Association Annual Abstracts. by an average annual 15% per

# (Employment Law Partner).

two smallest clearing banks on grounds of competition and choice. Coming as it does from a group which controls more than a third of the years to 1990. (BBA's 1991 national newspaper market pentes mon't come out mil and a significant segment of May.) That growth rate re-sulted in a total increase of independent television broadcasting, is this not a remarkalmost 500 per cent in those able piece of cheek? 11 years — from £97 billion to £475 billion.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN A. BROWN. If the mark supply surged to a gallop of 9.7 per cent per annum last month, following Mulberry House, Garson Road, West End. the unification problems, what has the pound supply wrey; Sincerely yours, FRANK SELBY, Frank.

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### Midland and Income From Mrs P. J. Campbell **Bonds** Sir, There has been recent speculation that Midland Bank shareholders may hope for better terms from a hostile

Maximum holding limit

# **New limit** of £50,000

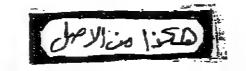
Beginning on 30 April 1992 the £25,000 maximum holding limit for Income Bonds is doubled to £50,000.



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# DIESEL VEHICLES

# The clean-up campaign

omebody should have told Dr Diesel all along that the image of his engines has suffered from a personal problem: B.O. Clouds of black smoke billowing from the exhaust of a passing bus or lorry are the most familiar sight most car drivers get of the ubiquitous diesel engine. In Britain that sight has become an indelible image that has car drivers refusing to believe that diesel could be the fuel of their future.

Oil companies have tackled the smell by adding a deodorant to the fuel. The smokiness is being tackled through a new generation of engines, which is gradually changing the fortunes of the diesel engine

Diesel sales in Britain have been negligible while on the Continent they account for as much as a third of all cars sold. In France, for example, where diesel fuel is cheap, more than 31 per cent of new cars sold are diesel-powered.

In Britain, the figure is closer to 8 per cent, although this is rising quickly as motorists appreciate the advantages in cost and for the environment. However, it is taking a long time for the car makers and oil companies to awaken motorists to the potential of diesel fuel.

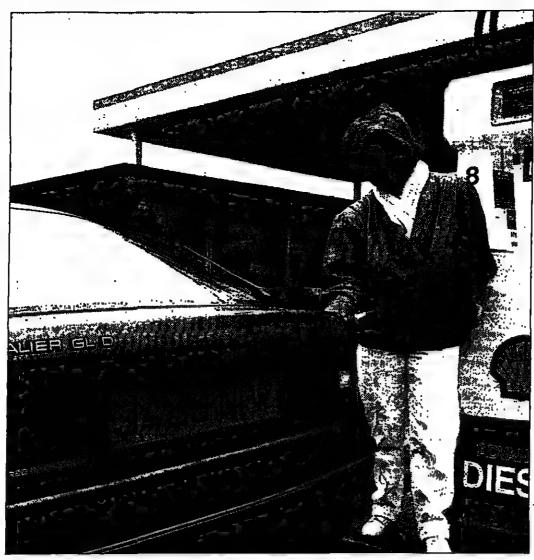
Tell a car driver that diesel is a clean fuel and you are likely to be laughed out of the room. How can diesel, which billows from the back of an old corporation bus like a huge black storm cloud, be clean? The answer is that it probably is not when showering pedestrians from a dilapidated old omnibus, but the new generation of buses will be cleaner. Well-maintained cars using the latest technology could be even cleaner.

Tests show that modern diesel engines emit less than a third of the unburnt hydrocarbons of a petrol engine without a catalytic converter, only I per cent of the carbon monoxide and about 30 per cent less carbon dioxide. Fuel savings over petrol can be between 15 and

25 per cent.

More important, the diesel engine is efficient from a cold start. The average journey in Britain is only 12 miles, not long enough for a petrol engine to get into its stride. Fuel consumption could be only 15 miles to the gallon from an average saloon and exhaust emissions are raised dramatically. Shell says that over a journey of five miles, a diesel can return more than 2.3 times better economy while over one mile

Kevin Eason sets out the advantages of a fuel that has progressed from smells and smoke to green economy



Conversion job: women drivers have to be convinced that diesel does not deserve its dirty image

it is 3.2 times improved. That means cost savings for city drivers, although high-mileage drivers would also feel the benefit of long-legged cars capable of regularly turning in 50 miles to the gallon.

Payback of a premium-priced diesel car, which is up to £750 more expensive than its petrol counterpart, could come in the first 25,000 miles of use — or six months' motoring for some high-mileage users. Some manufacturers, such as Citroën and Vauxhali, have pegged

the cost of diesel-powered cars, which are more expensive to produce than petrol versions, to encourage sales.

In any event, a diesel engine can easily offer a long life of 100,000 to 200,000 miles. It is also more reliable, with no spark-plugs or expensive electronics to cause breakdowns. Recent research shows that diesels are 50 per cent less likely than their petrol equivalents to let down drivers. The fuel is about 20p cheaper than 4-star, and

likely to become less costly still as European governments search for quick and effective ways of reducing city pollution and emissions of curron dioxide.

The vision of diesel seems utopian. Modern diesel cars, often turbo-charged to match perfoldriven cars in performance, are cleaner and cheaper to run, more reliable and no more noisy or smelly.

So why do so few motorists want to buy them? Diesel sales of 139,000 last year were an improvement but hardly a substantial slice of even a reduced total car market of 1.6 million.

Research by Shell discovered that women, who account for about half the car-buying decisions in Britain's showrooms, simply do not consider diesel as an option, even though a diesel car would suit their driving probably better than any other type of car, as women make, on average, short trips and demand

Jim Slavin, the director of Shell Retail, says: "Many women seem to drive regularly but do comparatively little mileage, implying that they do a lot of regular but short journeys. In these circumstances, diesel engines are particularly efficient as they require far less time to reach their optimum operating temperature and hence their maximum efficiency."

learly, diesel has not been able to overcome the dirty image. Adding deodorant to get rid of the smell helps, but oil companies have also moved diesel pumps on to their main forecourts, away from their traditional place around the back where van and lorry drivers were expected to fill up while standing in puddles of spilled fuel.

In addition, there is a line-up of increasingly interesting new cars that have translated diesel motoring from slow, noisy progress to supplisticated motoring.

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Rover, for example, is soon to launch its diesel Metro range, a small, city car capable of returning almost 65 miles to the gallon with ease, 50 per cent better than petrol equivalents. Yet this new car is not noisy, nor is it smelly or "user-unfriendly".

Can the diesel become a staple motoring diet for the British? It seems unlikely to push out petrol while fuel prices are relatively cheap but Geoffrey Whalen, the managing director of Peugeot Talbot believes there is room for growth.

Peugeot makes the world's bestselling diesel engines and Mr Whalen says: "Many motorists are waking up to the benefits of diesel. It does not smell, it is not smoky, the cars are not noisy or slow. The driver of a diesel car now has all the benefits and comfort with none of the drawbacks, which means that the 1990s will probably see a powerful growth in the uptake of diesel-engined cars."

# A fool and his diesel car are soon parted

Diesel cars are highly reliable. Their drivers cause most of the breakdowns

iesel cars filled with petrol are not a good mix. Yet absent-minded drivers pumping the wrong fuel into their diesel tanks are the main cause of

breakdowns for the RAC.

The cars themselves are so reliable that they barely register on the call-out charts of the leading motoring organisations. Only the fool behind the wheel tends to confuse

Bob Proctor, an RAC technical services engineer, says: "Motorists usually realise it when they come to pay and see the bill. Most times they do not fire the car up, so the problem we have is straightforward, if awkward to deal with. Our patrolman simply has to disconnect the fuel pipe and use a suction pump to remove the petrol from the

"If the car has been fired and petrol has got into the engine then everything has to be cleaned out, which is far more of a job. Given that pumps on the forecourts are already so clearly marked, I do not know what more can be done to

One other fault that does arise is occasional failure of heater plugs, which in some models pre-heat the engine, allowing for faster ignition. RAC patrols carry spares and fitting them is straightforward, so stranded motorists are rarely held up for long.

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With diesel sales increasing all the time, all RAC teams receive training in the problems they may find with diesel engines. The RAC's 1,300-vehicle fleet is all-diesel, as is Mr Proctor's Citroën BX company

National Breakdown operates the recovery services for all new Citroëns under their Citroën Assist Scheme. The company says: "Both our car and commercial vehicle recovery networks are very familiar with diesel technology. We cannot separate statistics for the reliability of diesel vehicles compared with petrol, although we know that diesel owners are 20 times less likely to run out of fuel." Officers at

the AA's national training center are also kept up to date wisdevelopments in diesel technology. It helps that almost all the AA; 3,500 vehicles are diesel so patroihave a vested interest in knowing

how to cope
Simon Jones, an AA spokesman, says: "We are obviously very much aware of the increase in the popularity of diesels and our people are trained accordingly, what a becoming apparent is that diesels do tend to go wrong far less often they do go wrong the fault is less serious and more easily rectified at the roadside."

A Peugeot spokesman says: "The benefits of desels become most obvious with the onset of poor weather Reliability is one of the most obvious demands of a car in winter and figures from Germany; ADAC emergency assistance organisation show that desels are up to 50 per cent less prone to break down than petrol models."

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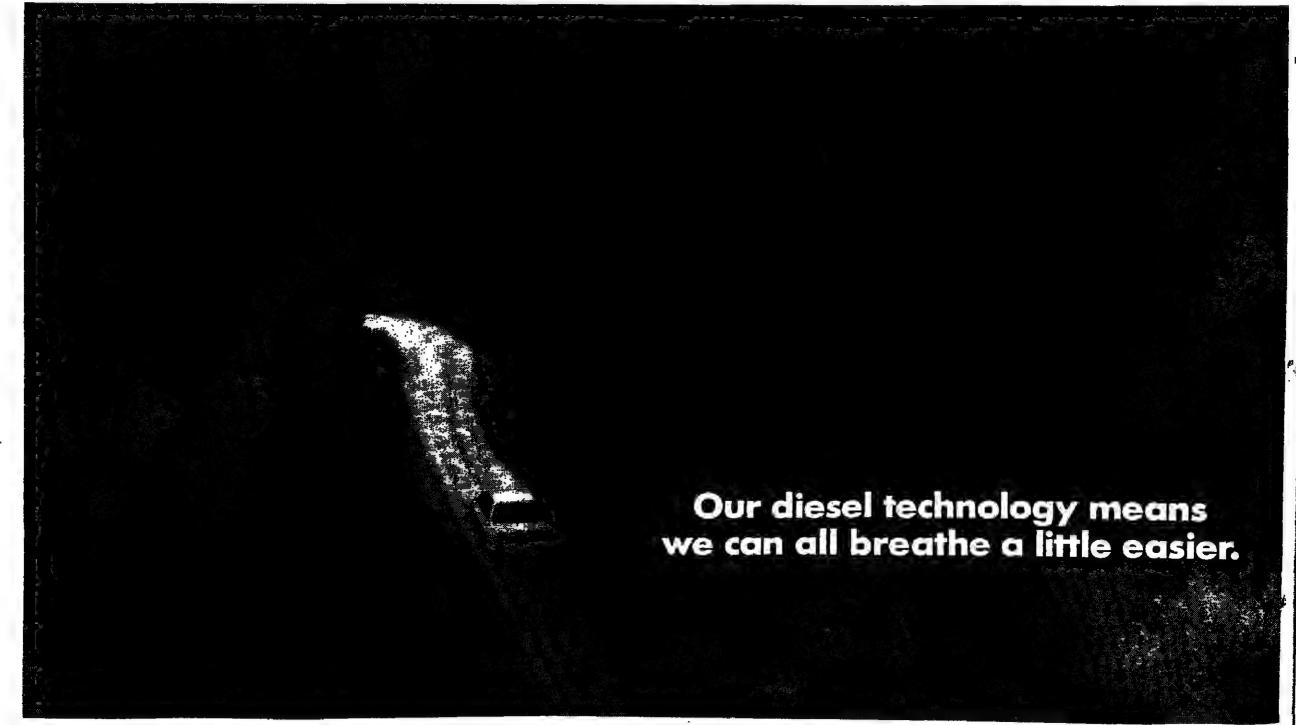
Mr Proctor at the RAC estimate that diesels in Britain are even more reliable than that. He say:
"The German figures are based on a much larger and older fleet of diesel cars than those found here."

Diesels mean fewer call-outs for the breakdown services and fewer visits to the garage. Research shows that not only do diesels break down less often, but they cost less to run and need less spent on them during a lifetime on maintenance and servicing. While repairs and replacements for a two-litre diesel car work out at 5.7p per mile, the cost is 6.2p per mile for a two-litre petrol engine, the AA says. The petrol variant is also fractionally dearer to service.

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The fleet consultancy PHH AllStar calculates that taking into account servicing, maintenance and repair costs as well as fuel, a 2.5-litre diesel van will cost nearly 53.900 less to run over 90.000 miles than its 2-litre petrol counterpart.

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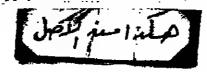
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Out of the 139,810 diesel cars sold last year, the fleet segment took 41,032, or nearly a third. One in ten of these d need less spent on the sale were off-road four-wheel-drive idetime on mainteners. vehicles. Rover, mainly with mang. While repair is a the Land-Rover Discovery and Range Rover diesels, was able to show growth and come third in the manufacturers' league table behind Peugeot mant is also fraction in the and Ford. Citroen showed a slight decline and Vauxhall a the floor consults more marked fall.

The popularity of the Peugeois, with their wellknown lion symbol, lies largely in the smoothness and quietness of their engine, which, in the 405 in particular, rivals those of petrol counterparts. Diesel economy and longevity are self-evident, and resistance to them stems mostly from the clattery noise and rough

ne diesel car in three sold in Brit-

ain is a Peugeot

The 405 and the

205 between them take nearly

a quarter of the market. The

Peugeot 309 is fifth in the list

of best-sellers, and all three increased their share in 1991

while their closest rivals, the

Citroen BX and the Ford

Escort fell.

Yet, perversely, some cars are improved with a diesel engine, and Citroen can expect to restore its position with new AX models and the splendid new ZX.

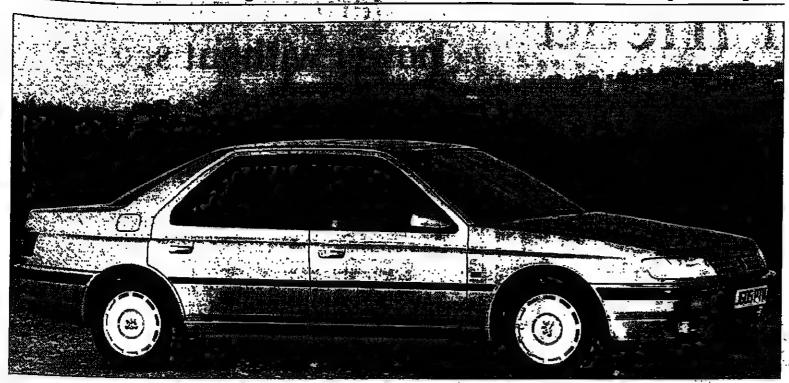
The stronger build and heavier weight of a diesel engine will also benefit the Metro diesel being announced next month: Like the AX it has a Peugeot-built 1.4-litre, four-cylinder, 52-horsepower enine, and it will do a similar 60mpg or more. One of the best-packaged superminis ever made, the Metro has out-

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standing handling and roadholding. Unfortunately, it is likely to be expensive. The Citroen AX costs £7,587, so the cheapest Metro is likely to be more than £8.000. Rover will also increase its share with the 1.9litre Peugeot engine in the 200 and 400 series cars. Fiat has a couple of good



# Peugeot, with its smooth engines, sells one in three diesel cars in Britain, Eric Dymock reports



Leading the diesels: Peugeot, represented by the smart 605 SRi/SRdt, remains first in the field. Its cars are noted for economy and longevity

# The lion roars ahead

Tempra 1.9 are among the liveliest diesels, but hardly the A pioneer of small, high-speed diesels, VW/Audi was sixth best-selling manufactur-er in Britain last year, mainly with Golfs and Passats. Now Audi joins the fray, with the restyled 80 turbo diesel, and an Audi 100 with a high sixth

Later this year BMW will join Rover, Audi, Volvo and Mercedes-Benz in the world of up-market diesels with a new range of extremely smooth-running oil engines. The pace

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# Many more miles for the cheaper gallon

cross the forecourts of Europe the costs of diesel, unleaded and four-star fuels vary wildly, but Europe is united on one point: diesel is invariably the cheapest fuel. However, for the British diesel motorist, excise duties and VAT make their favourite fuel almost always more expensive than in mainland Europe.

Manufacturers say this is why diesel takes such a small slice of the new car market. That share has, however, in-creased during the past 11 years. In 1981 0.66 per cent of the new cars sold in the UK were diesels. In March, diesels accounted for 10 per cent of all new cars sold. However, diesels hold 30 per cent share of the market in France.

The increased interest in diesel cars within the company-car and fleet sector has accounted for this surge in diesel sales. Research shows diesel is on average 25-30 per cent more economical than petrol and up to 300 per cent more economical over journeys less than two miles. The consumption for diesels is also frugal over longer distances.

Comparisons of like with like are difficult because to obtain the same power output, the diesel engine needs to be slightly larger than its petrol equivalent. Despite that, figrevelation. A Ford Sierra with

Diesel costs less

than petrol in Europe but UK excise duties

cut the savings

a 1.8-litre turbo diesel engine will return overall fuel-consumption figures of 40.5mpg, compared with 35.5mpg for the similarly powered Sierra with a 1.6-litre petrol engine. As the car gets smaller, so the advantage improves. Citroën's AX 1.4-litre diesel will return 56mpg in town, almost 50 per cent better than the 37.5mpg returned in town by Citroen's

1.1-litre petrol-engined AX. One main obstacle preventing people from buying diesel has been that diesel cars have been more expensive. Manufacturers say this is because of their larger engines. For instance, Citroën's 1.4 AX diesel costs £7,600 while the 1.1 petrol AX costs £6,700; Ford's 1.8-litre diesel Sierra costs close to £13,800, while the comparable 1.6-litre petrol Si-

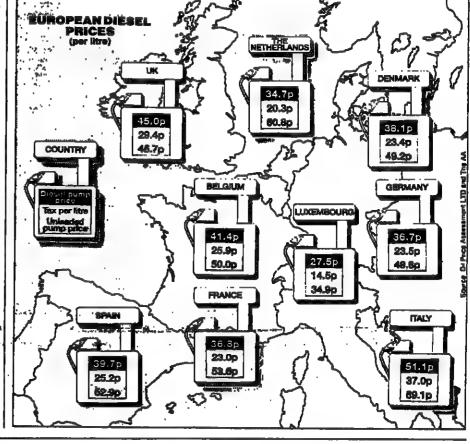
erra is about £12,000. There are other savings to be had. Figures from the AA show that a motorist driving his two-litre diesel car 20,000 miles per year will pay 25.6p per mile once all costs including road tax, fuel, repairs and maintenance are included. Cover 20,000 miles in a petrol-driven, two-litre car and the cost rises to 34.6p per mile,

about £1,800 more. Diesel vehicles also return better economy figures over a lifetime's use because they are more robust and less costly to maintain. Because of this they are generally in better condition when it comes to reselling. Diesel cars retain a better second-hand value.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has published a leaflet on diesel entitled Diesel Lean and Green, which is a robust defence of the diesel engine. "Diesel-engine cars are inher-ently fuel-efficient, consuming on average 20-30 per cent less fuel than a petrol equivalent," it says. "They are especially economical and less poliuting in short, stop-start urban jour neys. A modern, turbocharged diesel engine offers performance similar to a petrol engine and they are durable and reliable."

The hope now is that the Inland Revenue overhaul of company-car tax bands an-nounced in the Budget and due to be completed this summer will give private and company-car users the cash incentives to convince them of diesel's economic benefits.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



# Green, friendly and much more reliable

"DIRTY. Smelly. Noisy. Slow. Rarely have people had a good word to say about diesels." The opening words to a recent advertising campaign might seem to have been placed by anti-diesel activists, Vaughan Freeman writes.

In fact, they are part of Vauxhall's efforts to convince drivers to switch to the unloved diesel. The advertisement underlines the environmental advantages of driving a diesel which emits an estimated 70 per cent less harmful exhaust gases than a petrol engine. Roger Macey, the chairman

of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, says that in the cash-oriented world of fleet and company cars which every year accounts for half the new cars bought much still has to be done to convince bulk buyers that diesel is worth the investment. "The fleet industry is driven by price," he says. "While it pays lip service to environmental considerations, price is the

main driving factor." Diesels may be cheaper to run, may use less fuel, which is cheaper than petrol, and may retain residual values that more than compensate for their higher initial purchase price, but they still they account for only 10 per cent of the new cars sold in the UK.

If motorists are blind to the economic arguments, perhaps they can be swayed by the environmental issues. Self-interest, too, might work as diesels last longer and suffer fewer breakdowns. Doug Houston, the AA's chief engineer, whose own car is a diesel Peugeot, says: "Figures from Germany show that, model for model, diesels have 50 per cent fewer breakdowns, than petrol cars. I would estimate that throughout the AA's fleet of vehicles, which is 99.9 per cent diesel, the cost of breakdown repairs and mainte-

nance are 20 per cent cheaper than if we ran a petrol fleet."
Figures from Volkswagen comparing its VW Golf to similar-sized petrol cars tell the tale. A comparison of exhaust gases show that for every kilometre the diesel puts out 189 grammes of carbon dioxide, while the petrol car puts out 243g; 0.5g per km of

nitrous oxides (0.2g per km); 0.1g per km of hydro carbons (0.3g per km); and 0.7g per km of carbon monoxide (2g

The diesel's weak point is exhaust — it is seen as black smoke in badly tuned cars with 0.16g per km against petrol's 0.02g per km. Manucharers, such as VW, are tackling this by fitting oxida-tion catalysis, which can be used to control the black smoke particles.

Arguments that diesels are much slower than petrol equivalents and less well equipped are also losing ground. This may have been true five years ago when diesel vehicles were aimed at the commercial sector, where delivery fleets needed neither the relinements nor performance demanded by private customers buying petrol cars. Today, specifications march

petrol cars and dieser said provide performance. There is even a diesel-powered West field sports car with a 0-60? time of 6.6 seconds using a Ford Sierra 1.8-litre turbo

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# Did the Kaiser kill Dr Diesel?

one of its test drivers on a confidential mission in September 1913. Dudley Noble had to take a new 12 HP Rover car to Harwich and meet Dr Rudolf Diesel off the

The mpg figures are a mean of official go and should be used only for compensors

overnight ferry.

Mr Noble, who later became the head of Rover publicity and was a founding father of the Guild of Motoring Writers in the 1950s, had photographs of Dr Diesel, a letter of introduction, and instructions to bring him to Coventry as he disembarked. Mr Noble waited at the Harwich customs shed in vain. Dr Diesel was pre-sumed lost overboard.

Mystery still surrounds the fate of the man who lent his name to the only real challenger that the spark-ignition petrol engine has ever had. In 1913 small, high-speed diesel engines for cars were still a long way off. Dr Diesel had not been first with engines that relied on the heat generated by compression to ignite the fuel. In 1824 Nicholas Leonard

Sadi Carnot — the son of Mipoleon's chief of staff, the mathematician Lazare Carnot - laid down its principles in the course of devising the methematical foundation of thermodynamics

In 1890; Herbert Ackroyd Stuart patented an oil-fired engine, which was produced by Richard Hornsby & Sons of Grantham, Lincolnshire. Yet in at least one respect Mr Ackroyd's engine was closer than Dr Diesel's 1892 patent to the modern compression ignition engine.

This injected fuel into the cylinders by means of a plume-er pump. Dr Diesel relied instead on a high-pressure jet of air, a system whose shortcomings frustrated him for the rest of his life. The most serious of his

failures was his inability to manufacture an efficient fuel injection pump. Disheartened, he contemplated abandoning his rational principle and applying spark ignition. It was not until ten years after Dr Diesel's death that Robert Bosch developed a high-pres-

Mystery still surrounds the

death at sea

of the U-boat engine inventor

sure supply pump, with injectors to atomise the fuel into a fine mist. It could then be introduced into the cylinders at the right time, opening the way to small, efficient, highspeed engines of the sort Dr Diesel was discussing with

Rover in 1913. Born in Paris in 1858 of a French mother and German father, Dr Diesel graduated from technical high school at 12, just as the Franco-Prussian war sent the family fleeing to London. When he returned to France. Dr Diesel attended the Conservatoire des Arts et Métiers, until 1878 when he moved to the Augsburg technical high school near Munich.

Dr Diesel's scrutiny of compression machinery, in his capacity as sales manager for the Linde Ice-Making Company, led him to take a fresh look at Carnot's theories. Dr Diesel took out his first patent on February 28, 1892, and the following year he produced a paper. The Theory and Construction of a Rational Heat Motor.

He also engaged the help of Krupp and the Maschinenfabrik Augsburg (later MAN, the truck manufacturer) to provide financial backing and a workshop.
One of his first engines

exploded with such violence that it nearly killed him. Undeterred, he made changes and took out an improved patent in August 1893, which included his troublesome airjet injection system, then em-barked on a four-year research

Only in 1908, thanks to work by a British engineer, James McKechnie, were injec-tion pumps made capable of delivering fuel at a pressure of 50 atmospheres. In the course

of developing his "rational heat engine", Dr Diesel tried ammonia gas, then coal, as fuel. There was still no industrial complex to import oil; the most popular fuel was coal gas, on which the early internal combustion engines of

Otto and Lenoir relied. Maybach effectively invented the carburettor only by applying a petrol-soaked rag to the intake of a gas engine. Diesel's experiments with liquefied coal were encouraged by Krupp as a means of

by-passing the gasworks. Dr Diesel's engine was capable of burning oil more or less as it came out of the well: Maybach's petrol engine had to use refined spirit. Dr Diesel's conviction that the best way to ignite the mixture was by compressing it was sound, and although he never really solved the problem of getting the fuel in properly, he im-proved the engine's efficiency enough to make it a working

Dr Diesel's pioneering work ensured that it was his name; and not Ackroyd Stuart's or even Carnot's, that was enshrined in automotive history. By 1897 he was able to dispose of the American rights to his engine, to the German-American brewer Adolphus Busch for a million marks (\$250,000). Busch was slow to make much of his investment, although one engine was built by the St Louis Iron & Marine works, and in 1898 was installed in the Anheuser Busch Brewery, in St Louis.

Fuel injection on large diesel engines did not present the same problems of miniaturisation, and it was soon apparent that besides power generation on land, there were useful applications for diesel engines sea, particularly in submarines.

Electric motors were the only practical power for a omarine submerged. Anythings else produced heat, fumes and exhaust gas. Petrol engines charged up the batteries and propelled the vessel on the surface and by 1905 a U-boat could do all knots or nine knots under stater. How-



Pioneer: Dr Rudolf Diesel, who met his end in 1913

ever, in February 1906 one of the German fleet was destroyed by fire when refuelling. Diesel was the answer. The fuel had a lower flashpoint than petrol, less was lost through evaporation, it was more economical, and the submarine had a longer range. By the time U19 was laid down in 1911, it was equipped with two strong

In 1906 the French navy commissioned the diesel-engined underwater craft Opale and Emeraude, in 1907 the Russians completed the first diesel-engined oil tanker, and in May 1908 Britain's first diesel submarine, the D.1, was launched at Barrow-in-Furness. Soon the First Lord of the Admiralty, Winston Chuchill, set off in a diesel submarine

from Portsmouth. Dr Diesel's engine was ac-

cordingly of great strategic importance. It is possible that the Kaiser's government was less than happy at the prospect that he would be sharing secrets with the British Admiralty. It is equally possible that Dr Diesel's disappearance at sea could have had something to do with the Krupp shipyard's newly found interest in exporting U-boat technology. With Dr Diesel on the loose, Churchill might get the help he needed more or less free.

We shall never know whether it was cloak-and-dagger work by the Kaiser's secret service, industrial espionage on a grand scale, a depressive mood following another fail-ure of his fuel injectors, or merely the heaving deck of a packet-boat that deprived the world of Rudolf Diesel.

**ERIC DYMOCK** 

# An all-weather friend

A diesel engine proves its worth in a mountain stream, reports Eric Dymock

aking its way down a hillside, on a slope the best part of 1 in , the Land-Rover Discovery Tdi was as sure-footed as a

Roger Crathorne, Land Rover's presentations and demonstrations manager, forbade braking: "If you lock the wheels you could slither all the way down. You could tilt sideways, and it would be anybody's guess whether you would be right way up when you got to the bottom."
As usual, Mr Land Rover

was right. With the high compression of the diesel engine acting as a brake on all four wheels, the tyres gripped the treacherously slippery wheel-tracks carved out in the Duke of Atholl's heather. In first gear and with low ratio and the diff locks engaged, the Discovery remained completely under control.

This was a demonstration journey. Behind us, as we negotiated riverbeds and climbed through impossiblelooking rocky scree, was a team with winches, ropes, bridging equipment and ground anchors - just in case.

A day's rain could have made all the difference to the course Mr Crathorne had mapped out to demonstrate that the Land-Rover remains the benchmark for off-road

driving. We had another vindication of the diesel engine in a covery was scrambling over wet boulders with ease, but in deep water, the driver's nerve gave out. The waves lapped round the doors, and given too little throttle, the engine stalled. For a moment it looked like a tow-out job but, after no more than a few shouted instructions from the bank, the engine was restarted, the exhaust burbled from



In the wet: underwater on the Duke of Atholl's estate, the Land-Rover Tdi's diesel engine restarted first time

water, and the vehicle clam-The size of the business fourbered out, gurgling and steaming, but unaided. wheel-drive diesel market is There were petrol Range 1991, up from 12.845 in Rovers in the party as well, but 1990. The main manufacturthere is reassuringly less dan-ger of a diesel drowning through a flood. Now Land er is Rover with Range Rover and Discovery accounting for 7,983 sales in 1991. Discov-Rover has acknowledged the demand for a basic diesel ery petrol and diesel production is running at near-record

levels of 500 per week, of

which more than 70 per cent

ness motorists. goes for export. The new Discovery Tdi three-door is £17,327, and the The Isuzu Trooper is the Rover's closest diesel rival with five-door at £19,249 is just 2,695 sales, followed by the under the tax break. The new Mitsubishi Shogun at 2.269, models were prompted by the and the Daihassu Fourtrak at cut in special car tax, enabling 1,165. Sales of most other Land Rover to pitch the five-door model below the vital four-wheel-drive off-roaders are mostly for petrol variants. ceiling price.

Discovery, by launching a new

range aimed primarily at busi-

erthshire had dry weather for Mr Land Rover-speak, include anybody who needs a dual-Crathome's expedipurpose car with the comfort and facilities of a regular saloon, combined with the tion. Only an occa-sional tow was needed to ease vehicles through the rich peaty bogs typical of the Scottish ability to negotiate rough termountains. Mr Crathorne is a Engineers, surveyors, lorest-ers and others involved in Land-Rover devotee, covering 10,000 miles off-road every year. He is restoring a classic early model, one of the first agriculture are obvious targets, but so are those who need all-terrain mobility in the new Land-Rovers, an 80in wheel-

When driving off-road it is important that a number of rules and well-proven techmiques and skills are followed," he says. "Speed is to be tary and company fleet customers can use the facility avoided for two reasons. It is dangerous and unneces and there is also a risk that the countryside will be damaged. Braking should be used only to bring a vehicle to a halt going downhill and slowing down are taken care of by the darkness approaching and no other vehicle or tree to which to low-range gears and engine retardation."

Drivers who want to learn

Mr Crathorne's techniques no

longer need to travel to Perthshire. Land Rover recently opened a driving experience facility where the skills can be learnt without risk of damage to the countryside. Within the confines of the factory grounds, near Solihull, West Midlands, lie four and a half miles of tracks and obstacles, including the Land Rover jungle track, which present a driving challenge.

Land Rover invested £250,000 in a 4,700 sq ft building with a display area large enough for three vehi-cies, and a 60-seater confer-

# Mysterious engine gives power without sparks

No wires, no

o the average motorist, the great mystery of a diesel engine is how it works without spariolugs.
The basic principle relies on
the fact that anything
squeezed hard enough, warms
up. A bicycle pump warms up
et it under to form wir into as it works to force air into a tyre, because the air in it is being compressed and so heated before it enters the tyre.

Dr Cathryn Hickey, at Shell UK, explains the difference between a compression engine (diesel) and a spark engine

"With a petrol engine, you put both air and fuel into the engine cyclinder. This is compressed by the piston until a high pressure is reached and a spark is released from the sparkplug to ignite the mix-ture. The exploding mixture expands the air in the cylinder, which forces the piston back down, turning the crankshaft and so generating drive

sel, is that only air goes into the cylinder initially. The air is compressed to a very high pressure, much higher than the pressure in a petrol engine.
"When the air has been ompressed and reaches a very high temperature, diesel fuel is

tuition from a five-man team

with a total of 100 years and a

million miles of off-road expe-

rience. Police forces, the mili-

to teach drivers techniques

including towing or winching

Marooned once, on a track-

less waste in winter with

hitch a winch rope, Mr Crathorne resorted to burying

the spare wheel. Deeply dug-in, it provided an anchorage for a winch-rope, which eased the wheels of a bottomed-

John Carter, the driving

experience manager, organ-

ises courses for special needs

such as driving through sand or ice. The jungle track offers most obstacles including deep-rutted muddy tracks with stretches under more than two

feet of natural water. A mix-

aure of inclines and side tilts of up to 47 degrees, a flight of steps, and severe hard and soft

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The difference with a die-

battery, no sparkplugs — so

how does a diesel engine work? neously, providing the power." The first diesel engines and most commercial vehicle die-

sels use direct injection (DI). the most efficient, where the fuel is sprayed directly into the main cylinder. Most diesel cars use indirect injection (IDI), where fuel is injected first into a small pre-chamber linked to the main cylinder. Combustion begins here and the explosive mixture is then shot into the main cylinder through a narrow inlet. This loses some efficiency as the initial combusted "charge" passes into the main cylinder, but speeds up combustion, letting the engine run faster.

A diesel engine is tuned to ensure there is always enough air (usually an excess of about 20 per cent) to burn all the fuel injected into it. Without this excess air, which limits power, some diesel fuel may remain sprayed into the cylinder in a unburned and be expelled as black, sooty exhaust.

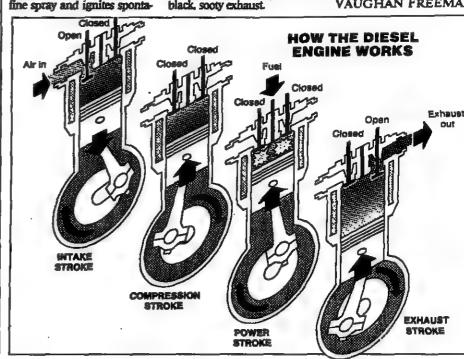
Although it may sound com-plex, the principles of the diesel engine are simple and account for its reliability. For example a petrol engine's power is regulated by the throttle which controls the amount of air and fuel entering the engine. With a diesel. every cylinder begins its cycle full of air so there is no throttle controlling air intake. Power is controlled by regulating the amount of diesel sprayed into the air-filled cylinder.

This means that the diesel is always operating with the cylinders at their most efficient. This happens in a petrol engine only when you are going flat out and the maximum amount of air is entering the cylinders. This is why MPG figures for diesel and petrol cars approach each other only at higher speeds.

The fuel mixture is hotter in a diesel engine and is therefore burnt more efficiently. Due to the higher pressures, certain parts such as crankshafts are made stronger and so are less prone to failure.

Most motoring breakdowns are due to simple electrical faults such as electrics affected by cold or rain. A diesel engine is virtually waterproof because there are no plugs or wires.

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# No smoke without ire



Clean machine: trucks belching black smoke are rare now, but today's lorries face increasingly tough regulations

iesel engines in lor-ries, buses and coaches are cleaner and more efficient than ever before. Trucks struggling up motorway gradients pushing out black smoke as they were 20 years ago are more the exception than the rule.

Engine development has moved on, pushed by the growth in the motorway net-work and the resulting demand for improved power, economy and reliability.

Power from a given engine size has nearly doubled in some cases, while the fuel used to produce horsepower has fallen by almost a fifth, and experts in the industry are predicting emission-free diesel engines within ten years.

Today's lorries are bigger and faster and can carry more than yesterday's 32-tonners, but they use no more fuel. Despite this, environmentalists worldwide have been stepping up pressure to reduce pollution from vehicles still further, for health reasons and to reduce global warming.

Engines produce large amounts of carbon monoxide (CO), which, when it mixes with air, produces carbon dioxide. Plant life survives on this gas, which is also needed to ensure that the Earth's surface is kept at the right temperature. Too little and the temperature falls: too much

Despite cleaner motoring, the clamour for regulation increases

and the temperature rises, causing global warming.
This has led to calls for

tighter control on vehicle exhaust emissions, particularly from lorries and buses - even though only 16 per cent of the carbon dioxide produced in Britain comes from road transport, according to a study by the long manufacturer Iveco Ford. Of this, a mere 3 per cent is from lorries.

The United States was the first country to regulate exhaust emissions, in the mid 1960s, first in California and then nationally. Europe did not start debating it in earnest until the late 1970s and it was well into the 1980s before legislation in the form of a European Community directive was enacted.

New lotties, buses and coaches had to meet exhaust emission limits set in EC directive 88/77 from October 1, 1990. Limits were set for nitrogen oxides (Nox), hydrocarbons (HC) and carbon monoxide (CO). Both Nox and HC are harmful pollutants that produce acids and can also cause respiratory

More stringent limits have also been agreed by the EC for

the future. They are to be

introduced in two stages, the first towards the end of 1993 and the second in 1995. Stage one brings a drastic reduction in the levels, by about 44 per cent for Nox and about 60 per cent for HC and CO, and a limit for "particulates" has been set as well

Particulates contain about 50 per cent soot and 25 per cent sulphur, which combines with water to make sulphuric acid. Stage two brings further reductions, with particulate levels cut by nearly 60 per cent. A third stage, being discussed now, could bring Nox and particulate levels down even

Most engine manufacturers supplying the European market can meet stage one with existing engines. These in most cases will be turbocharged, although more for power and economy reasons than purely for meeting the legislation. A turbocharger puts more air into the engine by compressing it, using some of the waste energy generated in the exhaust.

This can be further increased by cooling the compressed air before it enters the engine, a method that can also

reduce Nox levels and play an important part in reducing

emissions to meet stage two. Cleaner diesel fuel, with a much lower sulphur content, will also be needed to meet the stage two requirements and for particulates.

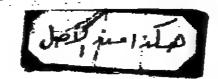
Manufacturers will be able to get their engines certified on low-sulphur fuel, aithough supplies are expected to be limited when stage two comes into effect. However, the EC is pressing for low-sulphur fuel to be universally available in Europe by the late 1990s.

Large truck manufacturers. such as Volvo. Scania and MAN, are also spending large sums developing alternative fuel engines. Electronics too will play an increasing role in controlling emissions, particularly as requirements become even more stringent.

As well as exhaust emissions being reduced at source, the total being injected into the atmosphere can be reduced in other ways. The transport department believes millions of gallons of fuel will be saved annually by fitting speed limiters on lornies. Work sponsored by the energy department has suggested savings of up to 20 per cent, and proper driver training has been proved to give transport companies sig-

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nificant fuel savings.



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David Powell, athletics correspondent, on the first woman to lead Britain's team management

# Allison sees changes down the track

BRITAIN had just won a record nine gold medals at the European athletics championships and the party was in full swing. But Joan Allison did not like what she saw: a dance floor full of men.

"The British women are being pushed under the carpet because they are an embarrassment." Allison, the women's team manager, said as the champagne flowed. Reporters scribbled; and Allison's male colleagues looked flushed with surprise. A more benign person in sports management than Allison you could not wish to meet, which made the source of the outburst as unexpected as the timing. Allison was the team manager of one gold medal winner, while the men had eight. "The same opportunities are not there for the women," she said, her concern brought to a head by her discovery that the following ings were to be for men only. I realised that, by going on

record and making such a statement, I could get my knuckles rapped or lose my job," Allison says now. "But I was fed up with people asking as good as the men and this was a prime example." All Allison got was "an official telling off" — and the job of men's team manager for the Olympic Games and World Cup. She has not swapped sides. She will manage the women's team as well. The death of Les Jones in March created the men's vacancy. Now, for the first time, Britain's management team will has been put in charge of both camps, with John Jeffrey, Jones's deputy, as one of her assistants.

The Manageress is no Gabriella Benson, and not just because her job is unpaid.
"It is not the same as a team game, where you have 11 footballers playing together," Allison said. "It is difficult to define the team manager's role in athletics. If you are a physiotherapist with the team you know exactly what your job is, if you are a coach you know exactly what your job is, but the team manager is everything and anything."

WEMBLEY beckons and,

with it the possibility of an

unusual and unprecedented

sibling confrontation in the

Carlsberg national champ-

ionship baskerball play-offs.
If the semi-finals on Sat-

urday favour the under-

dogs, London Towers and Worthing Bears, Stedroy

and Ronnie Baker will be on

opposite sides in the final on

Valley Tigers, the favourites.

might have something to

say about that but, after a

season in which the leading

clubs have all beaten one

another, far stranger things

have happened. "We're very

Stedroy said yesterday. "We

need both our teams to be in

the final to show what we

aged 22, represent two-

thirds of the Baker triplets:

but Bernadette, their sister,

The fabulous Baker boys,

excited at the possibility.

Kingston and Thames

Sunday.

can do."

Anything from deciding



leader, when the rules appear to have been broken by the opposition, to the one who accompanies international athletes on their femininity

who shares rooms with whom at championships, to listening to personal problems and trying to help solve them.

More a counsellor than a team manager? "Definitely," Allison said. "But there are going to be one or two changes."

Bring on the Baker boys

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

lively play-makers who have

never permitted their lack of

height, 5ft 8in and 5ft 9in

respectively, to be a

Far from it. They possess

handling skills that are the

envy of many a bigger man.

tage being small," Stedroy said. "It means that all the

big guys have had difficulty

At Clissold Park School in

Hackney, the boys exploited their identical looks after

they had been split into sep-

arate classes because they

"If, for instance, Ronnie

didn't want to do a maths

lesson, then I'd do it for

It was their similar bas-

ketball talents - initially recognised and then devel-

oped by Jack Singer, their

physical education teacher

at school, and later har-

him, and vice versa,"

keeping up with us."

talked too much.

Stedroy said.

"May be it's been an advan-

Stedroy and Ronnie are

She is going to move closer to the sharp end. "In the past, the managers have had to do reporting duties with the athletes so, on a busy day, you could be checking everyone into the call room and never see how the athletes perform," Allison said. "We ought to see what is going on

out on the track." Allison, aged 44, has been on the management team for eight years, the length of time she spent as an international

nessed at Brixton, under Jimmy Rogers — that was

From Brixton, the second

Thames Valley Tigers

division club, Stedroy went

and then, this season, to the

reformed London Towers.

Ronnie has spent the last

It is hardly surprising

Ronnie, the flambovant

one, kept his England place

when Kevin Cadle took over

as national coach this sea-

son but the steadier Stedroy

has been on the winning

side in nine of the last ten

encounters between their

They like to watch each

other play but prefer the

ultimate challenge of bat-

tling for supremacy in the

middle of the same court.

"It makes us play that much

better when we face each other," Stedroy said.

that mutual respect pre-vents either of them from

two years at Worthing.

saying who is better.

soon coveted by many.

ver medals at 1,500 metres and competed twice at the Olympics. On none of these occasions did she fulfil

"In the 1970 Commonwealth Games I thought I was going to get the gold but I was overtaken just before the finish line." An Achilles tendon injury impaired her attempt four years later.

In the 1968 Olympics she was eliminated in her heat. "Total disaster. Inexperience. It was a slow heat and everybody sprinted with 100 metres to go."

She vowed not to get caught out again in 1972 Olympics. So she went off with the fast-starting leader, not imagining for one mo-ment that she would be on world record schedule. "Bragins broke the world

record in every round; heats, semi-final and final. I blew up and went out in the heat again.: Couldn't believe it. That was really hard to take."

Allison's experiences give her an empathy with her ath-letes. "The men open up very well to me as well," she said. She worked well with Jones The thing I learned most from Les was to keep calm. I loved his laid-back

approach." But not so laid-back as to be walked over: the British women, thanks to Allison, are back on television.

A South African's, dreams Life and Times, page 4

CYCLING

# Dighton is forced to miss trial

GARY Dighton, the national 25-miles record holder, yesterday withdrew from the British team-trial squad to compete in the Nation's Cup near Rome on Sunday (Peter Bryan writes).

The Italian national event. over a 64km motorway course, is one of two key selection tests for the British Olympic squad

Dighton, suffering from s severe chest infection and recovering from the effects of concussion after an accident at Easter, was last night assured that his absence on Sunday will not prejudice his Olympic chances.

Stuart Shand replaces Dighton and will join Peter Longbottom, Steve Farrell and Matthew Illingworth. The final Olympic trial will be the British Cycling Federation's team championship on RACING

# Cardoun tunes up for classic examination

By MICHAEL SEELY

IN anticipation of good ground at Newmarket on saturday, Cardoun was well backed for the 2.000 Guineas.

The price of the French colt, in whom Daniel Wildenstein bought a half share last week, was cut from 10-1 to 8-1 with Ladbrokes. Yesterday, the Elie

Lellouche-trained Cardoun, who gave Tertian 5lb and a three-quarters of a length beating in heavy ground at Maisons-Laffitte last au-tumn, completed his New-market preparation on the Reservoir gallop at Chantilly. Cardoun was galloped the

reverse way round the work grounds, so that he could go two furlongs downhill, there-by simulating the run down into the dip on the Rowley mile that the three-year-old will be encountering for the first time on Saturday.

Reporting on the condi-tions at Newmarket, Nick Lees, the clerk of the course, said: "We've put half-an-inch of rain on the Rowley mile in the last three days. We've also had eight centimetres of rain and I've changed the going forecast to good. At present it's loose on top, as it hasn't had time to settle down after

Both Robert Sangster's bigrace candidates, Rodrigo De Triano and Musicale, who have had setbacks in their preparations for the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas respectively, were reported to be still on course for their objectives by their trainers.

"Rodrigo has only had a minor infection," said Peter

Chapple-Hyam, "He cantered this morning and was fine. He will be cantered again tomorrow and given a pipeopener on Thursday."

Musicale, who sustained an injury to one of her hooves over the weekend, cantered twice up Warren Hill with Michael Roberts, her big-

race jockey, in the saddle.
"So far, so good," commented Henry Cecil. "Everything appears to be going according to plan."

Other 1,000 Guineas can-

didates in action on the Heath were Marling and A-Both fillies worked on the Limekilns. Marling, last sea-

son's unbeaten two-year-old, was partnered by Steve Cauthen, who is now certain to be on board on Thursday.

"She went really well and Steve was delighted by her."said David Loder. Geof-frey Wragg's assistant train-er, at Nottingham after Dishard Hills and ridden Richard Hills had ridden Simmering to a head defeat of Kensworth Lady in the Old Trafford Stakes.

An expensive failure on her debut at Newmarket, yesterday's 5-1 winner is owned in partnership by Peter Player, Patricia Wragg, John Garnsey and our racing correspondent, Richard Evans.

Cecil's magnificent form continues when the ninetimes champion trainer landed a double with Belgran and Garah. Willie Ryan rode Belgran to a hard-fought win in the Oval Stakes, but Cauthen had an easy ride on

# Shaikh outlines hopes for Arazi

FROM RICHARD EVANS IN KENTUCKY

SHAIKH Mohammed has spoken for the first time about the ultimate dream of seeing Arazi win the Kentucky Derby and the Epsom Derby rather than the US Triple

His remarks, following on from those of Arazi's trainer, Francois Boutin, and Euroreflect the differences that exist with Allen Paulson, the

other owner of the horse. Shaikh Mohammed, who paid Paulson \$9 million for 50 per cent of Arazi last year, outlined his hopes for the horse's future racing plans.

"I think owners dream that their horse can win big races. I think any owner would be happy and dream of owning horse that would win the Triple Crown.

But it is an even better dream to win the most valuable races for three-year-olds, like the Kentucky Derby and the Epsom Derby also be-cause it has not been done before and we love a chai-

Arazi flew here on Sunday in preparation for the Kentucky Derby on Saturday. A decision on where the world's top horse will run in future is likely to be announced within an hour of the race, assuming the odds-on favourite wins. Paulson wants Arazi to try

to become the first horse since

Affirmed in 1978 to win America's covered Triple Shaikh Mohammed and

Paulson are understood to have corresponded over the matter and the European, camp remains hopeful that Arazi will appear at Epsom on June 3.

buy a half-share in the horse, Shaikh Mohammed said: "I saw the horse and I loved

He believes it was a good investment and added that Arazi is worth more now than when the deal was completed before last year's Breeders'

Yesterday, Arazi reap-peared on the track where he set the racing world alight with his Breeders' Cup Juven-

ile victory last autumn. Ridden by his lad, Raymond Lamornaca, and accompanied by his lead horse, Akiko, Arazi cantered round a circuit of the dirt track.

Doctor Devious and Thyer, spectively the English and Irish hopes, worked six fur-longs sharply together.

☐ The Kentucky Derby will

be broadcast live by Radio 5 on Saturday in an extended 10pm sports bulletin. The coverage will include an American commentary on the race which is due off at

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prefers badminton.

# Aquila look to recover final touch

AQUILA, from Kent, and Toucans, of Middlesex, will contest the final of the national clubs competition in Stretford, Manchester, on Saturday (Louise Taylor writes). Last weekend Aquila defeated New Cambell, of Essex. 50-40, while in the other semi-final, Toucans beat BICC, from Cheshire, 38-30.

Five-time winners of the competition in the 1970s, Aquila have Sally Young, of England, at goal defence, Toucans, who have never appeared in a final, include Jesslyn Parkes, the former England goalkeeper, and Lucia Sdao, the England centre.

At the national youth tournament at Anerley, south London, last weekend, the winners in the under-21 section were Wyvern, from Bedfordshire, who beat Linden. from Birmingham, 15-9, despite having only seven players and no substitutes.

OTHER RESULTS: Under-18: Tumford (Heria) bt Speedwell (Gatashead), 17-9. Under-18: Sundale (Sunderland) bt Essex Open, 12-6.

# ICE HOCKEY

# Discipline on and off ice tarnishes season

BY NORMAN DE MESOUTTA

THE season, which finished last weekend, was again dominated by Durham Wasps. Although they did not emulate their achievement of a year ago by winning all three titles, they did retain their Heineken League premier division and championship titles. They might have won the Autumn Cup as well, had it not been for a suspension of Mike O'Connor, their

This was one of several controversial disciplinary decisions. Murrayfield Racers had a running battle with the British Ice Hockey Association over the eligibility of their so-called "category B import", and Telford Tigers will never be convinced that they should have been fined and had points deducted for

allow them to be promoted to

capacity.

assault icing an ineligible player. For a similar offence, Chelmsford Chieftans were only fined and Sheffield Steelers might well find similar leniency being afforded to them, which will

# SPECTATORS at British

the first division of the Heineken League. Capacity crowds of 8,300 were attracted to the wonderful Sheffield Arena in Sheffield's first season of operation. It must be hoped that this will encourage others to build arenas of similar On-ice discipline continues

to be a problem, and the unfortunate incident at Bracknell which saw Leo Koopmans, the Murrayfield Racers coach, and one of their players, Roger Hunt, suspended for life was a blight on the season. Hunt has since been charged with

Officiating continues to lag behind the improvement in playing standards. In its three days, the Wembley weekend encapsulated the problem. The first semi-final and the final were well refereed but the second semi-final suffered from poor officiating, and this inconsistency

# Hurlingham lists at record high

Ball control: Ronnie Baker eyes an opportunity

polo clubs expecting a reduc-tion in activity this summer

in for a surprise.

The lists kept by the Hurlingham Association — the sport's ruling body — show an all-time high of 1,300 players based on a record 30 clubs, not to mention three more probationary clubs in the pipeline.
Many enthusiasts start in

the Pony Club; more than half the game's high echelon received their apprenticeship in that sphere. Twelve schools are also beginning to feed hopefuls on to the handicap lists. The army, which provided

the majority of the British experts in pre-war days, remains another useful source of talent, even though cavalry officers are worked harder now. Of 183 members of the Combined Services Polo Association. 140 are from the

Cowdray Park, Cîrencester Park and Guards - the three leading clubs - have started their programmes this sea-son and specatators eagerly await the high-goal tournaments, which begin with the Prince of Wales Trophy, at the Royal Berkshire club, John Watson finds the sport of polo thriving despite the recession

and the Queen's Cup, at Guards, during the second half of May. Seventeen foursomes have thrown down the gauntlet for the British Open championships.

There will be speculation among aficionados regarding the inclusion of the Prince of Wales in the Tramontana line-up, put together by Anthony Embiricos. which has won the Gold Cup, the blue riband of British polo, for five of the last six

It would be a great boost for the game if the Prince of Wales were in the champion team this year and, with Tramontana possessing Carlos Gracida, the amazing ten-goaler, Mexican Embiricos stands a good chance of keeping his prize.

Perhaps Kerry Packer, the Australian player-patron, fields their most dangerous rivals. His team, Ellerston White, which won the Queen's Cup last year, deploys a brace of fine Argen-tinian players — Gonzalo Pieres (ten handicap) and Bautisto Heguy (9). Ellerston Black, Packer's junior squad, has another Argentine pair

— Pieres's brother, Alfonso (10), and Adolfo Cambiaso

(9), aged 17. Members of the talented Heguy clan, from Argentina, crop up all over the place this year. Apart from Ellerston White's Bautisto, Peter Scott's Pendell has Ernesto and Ignacio Heguy while Kennelot Stables has a tengoal Heguy No. 3 and so does Bill Bond-Elliott's Santa Fé. The twins of that name, Horacio and Gonzalo, are with Jock Green-Armytage's Labegorce.

# TAREFUL TO SEE

May 28-31: Dollar Cup, Cowdray Park. May 31: Duke of Sutherland's Count Life Cup, Cowdray Park.

May 31-June 7: Queen's Cup, Smith's Lawn, Windsor (and other venues).

June 2-14: Royel Windsor Cup, Smith's Lawn, Windsor (and other senues). June 9-28: Werwickshire Cup, Smith's Lawn, Windsor. July 28-Aug 2: Cowdray Park Challenge Cup, Cowdray Park. Aug 4-16: County Cup, Choncester Park.

The high-goal challengers include two well-balanced all-British teams. Lord Cowdray has enrolled Lord Charles Beresford to support his son, Charles Pearson, Paul Withers and Alan Kent, while John Horswell has included the formidable Lucas brothers, James and Wil-

his line-up.
The legendary Westchester Cup — first contested in 1886 and last, on the Anglo-American basis for which it was designed, in 1939 - is to be the first prize on International Day in July. The second match that day

liam, with Rod Matthews for

will be between Spain and a team organised by the Hurlingham Association for the Silver Jubilee Cup. This season has opened

vith a new Hurlingham chairman, John Tylor, and a new vice-chairman, Mark Vestey.

The association also has an additional sub-committee for pony welfare under the chairmanship of a renowned horsemaster, Lord Patrick Beresford.

With the appointment of a hief umpire, Martin Trotter, last season, that is an aspect of the game that has already greatly improved.

# SQUASH RACKETS

# Rankings strictly observed

ENGLAND have occasionally sent weak squads to the European team championships to blood young internationals, but the squad in Aixen-Provence this week leaves little to chance (Colin McQuillan writes).

The European individual junior titles went to Finland and Germany earlier this month and traditional Eng-lish team domination was only just maintained. But strict application of the national ranking lists makes such problems unlikely at senior level as competition be-

gins today. The men include Peter Marshall, the national champion, and Simon Parke, the junior world champion, while the women are led by Martine Le Moignan, who this year has lost only to Susan Devoy.

ENGLAND SQUADS: Men: P Gregori (Surrey), D Harris (Essex): P Merchel (Lucestesphine), J Moole (Hampehine), ! Parks (Yorksha), C Walker (Essexi Womers: F Gasavie, (Gloucastoraire), )

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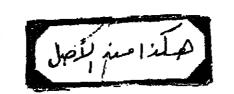
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# Victoire Bleue poised for French triumph

VICTOIRE Blene, trained at Chantilly by Andre Fabre, is clearly capable of winning the Insulpak Sagaro Stakes at Ascot today, and she is my

This Daniel Wildenstein owned and bred mare took high rank last year when winning the Prix Gladiateur and the Prix du Cadran, two of France's most prestigious

races for stayers. When she bear Proud Panther by six lengths to win the Cadran the going was just as soft as it will be at Ascot today following more than half-aninch of rain yesterday. Further Flight was one of

her victims when she won the Gladiateur and he showed himself to be one of our best stayers when winning the Goodwood Cup and the Jockey Club Cup.
In the latter race Further

Victoire Bleue's opposition Shambo and Parting Moment, who linished second AND ARM

King Of Chance. MICHAEL PHILLIPS

year, showed that they have retained their ability when chasing home the talented Saddlers' Hall in the John Porter Stakes.

This will be Supreme Choice's first race since he was beaten a length and a half by Further Flight at Newmarket last October. His trainer. Barry Hills, remains hopeful that he will develop into a live contender for the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot in

While yesterday's rain has improved Sagebrush Roller's n theory dead-heat.

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BRIAN BEEL

4.35 Final Chant.

accounted for today's rival

Sharp N'Smooth, who ran well to finish third behind Rudimentary and Roseate Lodge at Newbury, is another who should go well. But it remains to be seen

whether the Lincoln winner High Low can maintain that high profile. Last season, he was anything but reliable but he has been gelded in the As Pabouche was so disappointing on his seasonal de-

but at Newbury behind Beyton and Feminine Wiles, Top Register, who still holds an engagement in this year's Derby, is taken to cash in on

# Matsix to provide an encore

By Brian Beel

A REPEAT for last year's winner, Matsix, would be fitting in the Colin Nash Memorial Cup (5.50) at this evening's Cheltenham United Hunts meeting. Farranrory looks the main danger. Pastoral Pride may find these fences too stiff, so Relekto is preferred in the two-mile opener (5.15). At the other end of the distance scale, in the four-mile event, Glenavey (6.25) could have the edge over Ardesee.

The 14-runner BMW final appears to be a match be-tween Double Silk and Gen-eral's Boy, with the latter getting a narrow vote. If the ground remains good to soft, Speakers Corner should repeat his earlier suc-

# Milford Quay has smooth success

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PUNCHESTOWN

And Fame, who had been

beaten 13 lengths into third

place by Flown at the Chel-

tenham festival. This time

Fortune and Fame had

Flown some 15 lengths be-

hind in fifth place as the

English challenger totally

failed to handle the soft

MILFORD Quay, Martin Pipe's first runner at Punchestown, comfortably beat the local opposition yesterday to capture the IRE15,000 Goff Silver Gavel Novice Chase over two-and-ahalf miles. The winner, well backed

from 5-2 to 15-8 favouritism. led all the way to score by eight lengths from Earlier in the afternoon.

home advantage had enabled the Irish novices to turn Cheltenham form upside down in

the BMW Champion Novice

Hurdle.

trained by Dermot Weld for Michael Smurfit and this fine big horse should make up

into a top chaser next season, Despite having a protract-ed journey to Ireland because of storms, the Peter Beaumont-trained Jodami may beating to the Jameson Irish Grand National winner, Vanton, in the IRE50,000 Woodchester Bank Gold Cup Novice Handicap Chase over three miles and one furlong. Jodami has been a model of consistency since he was first

put to jumping and in 14 runs to date, he has only once ground. Fortune And Fame is been out of the first two and has won nine times. Possibly his best perfor-

mance came at Liverpool in the Mumm Mildmay Chase in which, despite making some bad mistakes, he failed by only three-quarters of a length to hold off Bradbury still be able to give 8lb and a



Scudamore: fine win on Milford Quay

### PUNCHESTOWN TELEVISED RACES chance of winning the his maiden's allowance in the cess on this course to take the Insulpak Victoria Cup, it is White Rose Stakes. 3.20 WOODCHESTER BANK GOLD CUP NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £27,250: 3m 11) (15) 2.45 WOODCHESTER BANK DOWNSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed race: £14,375: 2m) (14 runners) Champion Hunters' Chase pertinent to add that he was When he finished second to beaten half-a-length by Sharpalto when gambled CHASE (Listed race\* £27,250\* 3m 11) (15) 1 11/122 JODAMI 28 (F.6.51 J.) \*\* teocom P Beaumont\*\*-GB17-12-0 1 11/121 JODAMI 28 (F.6.51 J.) \*\* teocom P Beaumont\*\*-GB17-12-0 1 11/121 VANTON 9 (S) in McCabet M O'Shen 8 31-16 3 11/123 MASS APPEAL 8 (G.S) (M Modraty) \*\* 80-exps 7-11-1 4 11/22 RIVERSIDE BOY 33 (G.S) (Mast H 8 3; 100\*) M Roce 13-8 11-1 P Socialmente P J. 12-14 LACKEN BEALL 9 (G.S.) (M Modraty) \*\* 11-14 P SOCIAl P Modraty 1 Modern 11-12 P McCMitsante 8 (J.S.) in McMattern A Modrat 7-11-1 P McCMitsante 8 (J.S.) in McMattern A Modrat 7-11-1 C Shant 1 Salad ABALDA 807 24 (S) (Duches) & Bosena 6-10 C Shant K Modrat 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.S.) (M McGrady M Commongram 7-10): M Flyrin 1 1-5-12 DUCHES (G.E.) 21 (G.S.) (M McGrad) M Commongram 7-10: M Mighamson 1 3-14-12 (G.E.) REDOK DOR 32 (S) (T Lace for a start) A Mighamson N Mighamson 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.E.) 21 (G.S.) (M MCGradate) 4 J Willow (G.S.) 5 (C.O.) (M Mighamson 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.E.) 21 (G.S.) (M MCGradate) 4 J Willow (G.S.) 5 (C.O.) (M Mighamson 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.S.) (M MCGradate) 4 J Willow (G.S.) 5 (C.O.) (M Mighamson 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.E.) 21 (G.S.) (M MCGradate) 4 J Willow (G.S.) 5 (C.O.) (M Mighamson 1 1-15-12 DUCHES (G.E.) 21 (7.35). Fiddlers Pike would be Aljadeer in the Whatcombe Stakes at Newbury last au-choice in stickier Flight accounted for his statumn Top Register hinted strongly that he would not upon to win at Newcastle 11 ble companion Supreme The Novice Hunters' Chase days ago. As he is now only a pound better off, they should Choice and Shambo, who constitute the hard core of (8.10) looks wide open, but Very Touching and Pixie Clusker have claims as good remain a maiden for long. His stable companion Whitechapel, who won impressively at Doncaster first In the circumstances, I preas any and are preferred in fer to go for Mango Manila, who impressed enormously time out, can make this a when striding away with a right royal day for West Hsley and fourth respectively on the Blinkered first time handicap at Newmarket with by landing the Chobham Apprentice Handicap. corresponding occasion last 3-1 Varion, Jodefin 9-2 Riverside 80; 5-1 Baide 80; 7-1 Open the Gale 10-1 Okwess Glen, Lacken Beau, 14-1 Mass Appeal, Second Schedual, 20-1 others ASCOT: 5.40 Sagebrush Roller, 15 ## PAIN CHASER 388 P Andrew 11 12 E Lay (7) 16 \$42 STRAIGHT PILOT 46 (3) 0 Fore 10 12 S Leons (7) 18 P42 SWINNED CROST 25 (3) 0 Fores 10 12 S DECISION (1) 18 P43 SWORD-ASH 9 (3) 1 Society (7) 12 H McCast (7) 19 4345 THE RUMSLE TILLER 187 (H.G.S) J HETTER 9 120 T Leons (7) T Jeons (7) T Jeon ASCOT 3.05 WHITE ROSE STAKES (3-Y-O: 29,503: 1m 2f) (8 runners) CHELTENHAM MANDARIN THUNDERER RICHARD EVANS MANDARIN 2.00 Never A Care. 2.30 VICTOIRE BLEUE 200 NEVER A CARE 2.00 Teslemi. 5.15 Relekto, 5.50 Rectory Boy, 6.25 Glenavey, 7.00 2.30 Shambo. (nsp). 2.30 Supreme Choice. (nap). 3.05 Top Register. 3.40 Mango Manila. 4.10 Kharaj. 4.40 Whitechapel. Double Silk. 7.35 Fiddlers Pike. 8.10 Treble Chance. 3.05 Top Regis 3.40 Band On The Run. 4.10 Pips Pride. 4.40 Latour. 5.15 Pastoral Pride. 5.30 Farrantory. 6.25 Gallic Prince. 7.00 Double Silk. 7.35 Fiddlers Pike. 8.10 Treble Chance. 1991: PERPENDICULAR 90 8 Caution (84 tav) H Cacil 8 mm Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Hawait Al Barr. 3.05 Pabouche. Brian Beel: 5.15 Relekto. 5.50 Mausix, b.25 Glen-FORM FOCUS 3.40 HIGH LOW (nap). avey. 7.00 Generals Boy. 7.35 Speakers Corner. 8.10 Very Touching. HERO'S LIGHT 3let 3rd of 5 to Thyer in Lingfield (AW. Im 21) states ruce. KILLY beat Sespecial 11 in 4-runner Northingham (im, good to sort) states ruce. PAROUCHE 4fel 3rd of 7 to Beyton in Newbury (1m 39, good) to sort) states ruce and the sort and states after. TOP REGISTER 3fel 2nd of 16 to 39, good to both) states race with BOLDARDO 148 str. POWERFUL EDGE cast Choppy Choppy 2144 Selections HERO'S LIGHT. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 TENDER MOMENT. FINAL (Amateurs: £3,850 3m 1f) (14) GOING: GOOD TO SOFT GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 5.15 TAXINEWS HUNTER CHASE Amaleurs: £2,162: 2m) (14 runners) (Amaieurs: £2,162: 2m) (14 runners) 1 mott: MACCAUMERN V (F,5) S mm B 12:13 8 R Andrews (3) 2 116F PARTORAL PRIOE 28 (5,5) Mm B 12:13 8 R Andrews (3) 3 510F RAN MARK 43 (5,5) M Contents 11:12:13 C Seady (3) 4 1811 RELECTO 21 (2,5,5) M Felion 10:12:13... M Felion (7) 5 340 EASTER LEE 58 (7,5) J Octobre 12:12:10. P Hacking (5) 6 5-04 WALK IN RHYTHM 6 (F,5) Mrs. A Prior 11:12:10 7 F ANGTHER SOLDIER 11 J Collect 10:12:6. D Duggan (7) 8 (8) IN A NITSHELL 250 (F,5) J Pugh 11:12:6... W Pugh (7) 9 PST MODIAN MASTER 50 PST A Sembons (5) EG C Wilson (7) 10 P POLITICAL MAN 330 Jan 1 Has 81:26...... T Hills (7) 11 (PP BANCTHERN THOUSE 11:12,8) F Nightbowy 12:125 R Bratam (7) 12 PAGE TAMATOLIR 9 (5,6) J Junion 51:26 P Herring Jones (5)

3.40 insulpak victoria cup 2.00 INSULPAK GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £9,672: 1m, rnd) (6 runners) 1991: UMNIYATEE 9-3 W Careon (Evens fev) B Henbury 4 ran FORM FOCUS NEVER A CARE best Sharribe 6 in 18-runner
Chepetow (7), good to sort) mesden.

JUST A NURADE 454 4th of 10 to Juniper Berry in
PHYLIEI, 61 lears of 3 to Aft in Folkestone (8), good
to firm) stakes race; serier best Mesck The Knille 2541
best (3)gohen 88 total stakes (6) sorth ABRUSEMA 1544 4th of 14 413 (18) 1/00-081 TMONT (19) 1/00-081 TMONT (1 2.30 insulpak sagaro ebf stakes (Group III: £29,988: 2m 45yd) (10 runners) 

| FORM FOCUS   |  |  |  |  |
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| EPRECATOR best Tapestry Denoer 8I in 3-runner obsestone (71, good to firm) stakes race; previously set Lold 28I in 9-runner Sandown (71, good to firm) indicate. In 17-runner Newmarket (71, good to sett) and 17-runner Newmarket (71, good to sett) andicap. BAND ON THE RUN 5M 3rd of 8 to swith Sourch In Haydock (71, good to firm) handlep. CAROLES EXPRESS 4M 3rd of 17 to Perfolia. Newmarket (71, good to firm) handlep. CAROLES EXPRESS 4M 3rd of 17 to Perfolia. Newmarket (71, good to firm) handlep with SACYARD (110 bester off) 6M 6th. High LOW best | Mudeffer 11/4 in 24-runner Denouster (1m, phendicap with MAGGIE SIDDONS (11b better 71/6# 8th, GO EXECUTIVE (12b better 61) to 10th, SHARPALTO 4I 14th and BARFORD LA 18th. TUSKY best Golden (2h) hd in 9-ru Newcastle (1m, achi) hendicap, SHARPALTO BAGEBRUSH ROLLER (1b bester off) to tumer Newcastle (1, newry) handicap. Tel is MOMENT best Pinsboy 7i in 20-runner Warwick good in sett) handicap. |  |  |  |
| 1.10 GARTER GRADUATION STAKE   | \$ (2-Y-O: £7,029: 5f) (3 runners)   |  |  |  |

BETTING: 11-10 Kharai, 11-8 Pios Pride, 7-2 Lord President. 4.40 CHOBHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,492: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

Long handlespt: Nors Guest 7-5, Spring Forward 5-11.
BETTING: 11-10 Whitechapel, 9-4 Kinematic, 9-2 Latour, 25-1 Spring Forward, Ivers Guest. 1991: CHURCH MISSIONARY 47-13 D Hamson (100-30) Lord Huntingdon 9 ran

3.30 BLACK BOTTLE SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,055: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

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| mpouri,<br>Mi.                    | 1 03PS BEECH GROVE 26 (8) Mes C (  |  |
| pood)                             | 2 O/ BIG ORDER 889 J Collent 8-12-3<br>3 4/F- BORDER 8UN 433 C Sweeting 1<br>4 3- DIAMOND FORT 384 D Shorey<br>5 / Z JANUARY CON 21 J Warrer 7-1<br>6 41PP LAST EXTRAVABANCE 9 (2) M | 4-12-3 8 Sweeting (7)<br>7-12-3 D Duggen (7)<br>2-3 A Delion (7)<br>Churches 11-12-3 |
| in ind<br>AD 23<br>unnier<br>beet | 7 28PU MATSX 18 (CD,S) C Nach 11-13<br>8 /PP MICKLEY TREASURE 20 S Bus<br>8 12-2 RECTORY BOY 9 (C,F,S) 8 Lis-  | R After<br>3 T Jones (7)<br>h 12-12-3 E Bush (7)<br>willyn 9-12-3<br>J Llewellyn (7) |
| in 9-<br>IDER<br>k (71,           | 10 /0P- STOCKBION 461 (F.S.) C Smith<br>11 P/ VICKALIDA 1678 M Robert 11-12-<br>12 -148 FARRAMPORY 8 (D.F.) P Winner 8<br>13 PP SICY POPPY 8 N Twiston-Dimos 6                       | 11-12-3 A Philips (7)<br>3 M Rollett (7)<br>-11-12. J Pritchard (7)                  |
|                                   | 3-1 Rectory Boy. 7-2 Farrantory, 11-3<br>Extravagance, 8-1 Beach Grove, 10-1 January   | Mateir, 7-1 Last<br>my Don, 12-1 others  |
| _                                 | 6.25 WESTMINSTER MOTO  | IXAT R   |
| Ξ                                 | INSURANCE HUNTER CHASE<br>  (Amateurs: £2.805; 4m) (23)  |  |
|                                   |  |  |
|                                   | 1 4FP0 DOUBLE TURN 26 (F,S) J Jeour  | P Harding Jones (6)  |
|                                   | 2 31P- MOUNT OLIVER 333 (F,G,6) Mm   | R Guilding 14-12-3   |
|                                   | 3 20U2 ARDESEE 13 (G,S) D Winds 12-1   | 2-0 J Wintle (7)   |
| 93<br><b>= 98</b>                 | 4 P/4- DWALE 510 P Ectory 7-12-0<br>5 1-4P GALLIC PRINCE 46 (F.Q.S) P Ho   | M Jackson (/)  |
| 98                                | 6 /3 GLENAVEY 28 (S) M Roberts 11-   | M Hourison (7)   |
| -                                 | 7 /PU LETHAL WISHPON OF A RICHWOOL   | 130 S Robinson (7)   |
| 74                                | 8 406 MAORI WARRIOR 55 (F) Mis M Si  | eyler 10-120<br>N Shayter (7)  |
|                                   | 9 F41 MOOR SCOPE 11 (F,S) Vin R White  | 10-12-0 R Fernant (7)  |
|                                   | 10 F3-1 NEW MENDOZA 21 (S) Gran Richer<br>11 4P OCEAN DAY 8 B Heywood 9-120  | # 7 12-0 D Duggen (7)  |
|                                   | 12 2123 ONCE STUNG 8 (S) W A Stachens  | 23 6 12 C J Greened  |
|                                   | 13 P-4P PEACH LEAF 55 (G) N Pointer 11 13<br>14 23-2 PRECIPICE LODGE 25 M Felton 12  | 120 M Felton (7)   |
| 94                                | 1 Y  | STERDAY  |
| 86<br>85<br>87                    | Bath   | 4.30 (1m 2t 46yd) 1,<br>7-2 (av), 2 Notable<br>Romanan (5-1) 14                      |
| 88                                | Golden mond to walk  | hum Day area Dec   |

5.50 COLIN NASH MEMORIAL UNITED HUNTS CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE (Amsteurs: £2,022: 3m 1f) (13)

20 UOP THE HAMBLE TILLER 187 (H.C.S.) Frames (1) T Jones (1)
20 UOP THE LANGHOLM DYER 356 (C.F.C.S.) LOC COURS (1)
21 -4FU THERUSOT 5 (5.S.) D PROPER 3120 D Prophers (7)
22 -4FU THOMORROW NIGHT 22 (B.F.G.S.) C Cover 517
23 -4FU THOMORROW NIGHT 22 (B.F.G.S.) C Cover 517
24 -4FU THOMORROW NIGHT 22 (B.F.G.S.) Thom Folgen (7) 23 4-00 WHITLEY BURN SE Mrs R Sponce 13-12-0 Mrs R Sponce (7) 13-2 Straight Pilor 7-1 Precipies Lodge, 8-1 Moor Scope Glenavity, Galic Prince, 10-1 Once Stung, 12-1 others 7.00 BMW POINT-TO-POINT CHALLENGE 1 -243 ASHPIT 25 (BF,G) Mrs A Garton (1 12-3 T Garton (7) 2 1/P CANEY RIVER 55 (F) R Mac/s/ 9-12-3 J Hondarson (7) 3 0/ CORSTON SPRINGS 1098 (G) M Jones (0-12-3 M Jones (7) 4 221 DOUBLE SHJK 32 (G) R Welvins B-12-3 R Traiogogn (7) 5 11/ GENERALS BOY 713 (F,G,S) Mrs N Craggs (0-12-3 P Craggs 6 U-P2 IMPY CONDOR 20 (d) Mrs R Allemon 10 12 3
R Attendor (7)
PP- LONDON WINDOWS 351 (F) Mss S Cook 10-12 3
J Trick Robin (7)
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DROWNS (7) 10 4P-2 WHICH WAY NOW 25 (G) W/S S Clarke 11-12-3 11 R/P- WILLIE MCGARR BOTH NOT D Thomas 7-12-3 P Harmer (7)
12 NNSTABENE M MARINERS 611-12 D Berrow (7)
13 WELL DELAYED N Sandors 7-11-12 L Berder's (7)
14 00-0 ONLY THE LONELY 21 (F) Mrs L Parker 5-11-) 7.35 CHELTENHAM CHAMPION HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs £2,924; 3m 2f) (5)

1 -118 FIDDLERS PIKE 8 (S) Mrs R Henderson 11-12-6 Mrs R Henderson (7 2 :402 PROVERBIAL LUCK 11 (F) Mrss C Saunders 8-12-5 J 513P SPORTING MARINER 9 (D.F.G.8) D Bloor 10-12-6 4 03-1 SPEAKERS CORNER 13 (GD,F,G) M Sowersky 9-13-3 M Sowersky 9-13-3 5 P032 KATESVILLE 7 (G) L Bowles 11-12-0 . T Jones (7) 4-6 Speakert Corner, 13-8 Fiddlers Pire 9-1 Froverbal Luck, 12-1 Katesville 16-1 Sporting Mariner 8.10 DENTS ORIGINALS NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amaieurs: £2,347, 2m 4/) (18)



94 Duck Of Grouse, 114 Very Touching, 7-2 Way Clear, 9-1 Near Spirit, 12-1 Querrin Lodge, Aictic Reef, 14-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: PHotos, 10 winners from 78 runners, 12 8% W A Stephenson, 5 from 40, 12 5%, N 4 Twiston-Davist, 5 from 44, 11 4% (Only quakiers)

# AY'S RESULTS Going: good to self

# BETTING: 11-4 Lupy Minstrel, 7-2 Bed Trade, 4-1 Pinemartin, 8-1 Dry Gin, 8-1 Relver's Lad, 10-1 Decent Mah, 13-1 Pescework, 16-1 Others. 1891; INTERIM LIB 8-10-12 Mr J Braciburne (2-1) Mrs S Braciburne 5 ran 4.05 TEACHERS HIGHLAND CREAM SCOTCH WHISKY NOVICES HANDICAP 28 50 CSF 1827 4.00 (1m 31 144yd) 1 Essy Purchase (J Williams, 16-1), 2 Thin Red Line (9-2), 3, Hills Of Hoy (12-1) Nerry Mangold 3-1 tay 12 ran. NR Rock Legand 194, nk R Holder, Tole: 15 50, £3 70, £1 80, £2 20 DF £26 20 Long handicap: Mes Pinoccino 8-12, Bright Polis 8-12. BETTING: 94 Flass Vale, 7-2 Scon, 9-2 Strong Views, 6-1 Zarbano, 8-1 Whitewebb, 10-1 Elifa Design. 14-1 Skiplam Wood, 16-1 others. 1991; SILK DEGREES 5-11-7 A Carroll (2-1 fav) W Storey 7 ran Windsor

4.35 CHARLIE BROWN FAMILY UNITED BORDER HUNT CHASE (Amateurs: £1,996: 3m) (7 runners)

BETTING: 5-2 Polygonum, 3-1 Final Chant, 7-2 Political Isaue, 11-2 Steela Justice, 6-1 Paddy Haylon 12-1 Andrew, 20-1 Fish Quay. 1991: MYSTIC MUSIC 12-11-10 Mr K Anderson (1-5 fav) Miss H Wilson 8 mm 5.05 TIM DOODY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,276-2m) (6 runners) 

ELTTUNG: 7-4 Audio Skyleght, 3-1 Srivijaya, 9-2 All Welcome, 5-1 Colonel Gay, 9-1 Emerato Ger 16-1 Equator.

1991: ACHILTIBUIE 7-10-10 N Doughty (9-4) W Crawford 5 ran

4 15 (Im 54/d) 1 Eftzeberhan Av (J Quant, 10-1) 2 Wall Soon (5-1 tak) 3 Moon Spin (14-1) 4 Roger Rabbit (10-1) 20 ran 5 h hd 1:1 4 Lee Toto 59 29, E2 70, C1 10 E5 70 E2 70 DF 296 10 CSF D58 94 Tricast E685 05 4.45 (2m-2) 18/d) 1 Creeager (J Fanning, 25-1), 2 Famight (9-4 tin), 3 Edual, Carl (6-1) 9 ran NR Moving Out, Western Dancer 3h hd 3t J Wharton Tote E20 30, E2 90 C1 70 C1 70 DF 299 0 CSF D52 42 Tricast E2 71 84 After a stewards enquir, result stood 5.15 (1m 11 213/d) 1 In The Picture (18) Carson 2-1 tax), 2 Bescaby, Boy (16-1) Samura Gold (4-1) 4 Risking Tempo (10-1) 21 tan NR E-equipor Cnly 41 hd R Harrison Tote E2 90, E2 02 E4 02 180, E2 10 DF E14 10 CSF E36 66 Tricast E12 28. Goorg: good to son 2.00 (51 11yd) 1. Savalaro (A Mackay, 14-1), 2. Ufe's A Breeze (13-2) 3. Orchard Bay (66-1) Cashtal Queen 7-2 fav 18 ran NR: Forza Azzum, 21. nk J Flich-Heyes Tote £37 60 £9 60, 22.30, £12 60 DF £294.10 CSF £101 58. Placepot; \$907.20. Going: good to firm (good patches) 2.15 (1m ii 213yd) 1, Betgran (W Ryan 2-5 fav. Newmarket Correspondents nep), 2, Dress Sense (6-1), 3, Ap (9-1) 8 ran Ns. 21, H Coci Tote 5150, 51 10, 51.20, 51 30 DF, 53 10 CSF 53 81 2.30 (5f 11yd) 1, Jeremlahs Boy (T Sprake, 33-1): 2, Night Melody (5-2), 3, Duchees Dlamne (20-1) Petric Evera jev 13 ran. Nir: Stanford Avenue Ni., 11 R Hodges Tote (40 30: £5 90, £1 70: £3 30 DF £290 60 CSF £116.81 \$1.20, \$1.30 DF, \$2.10 CSF \$2.81 2.45 (8f 15yd) 1, Garch (\$ Cauthen, 6-4 lev, Richard Eventy's & Thurderer's rap), 2, Dancerg Boy (7-1) 3, Power Lake (11-4), 8 ran, NR Trove 2, 151 H Cect Tota, \$2.50; \$1.30, \$2.00 \$1.20 OF \$9.40, CSF \$1.33, \$1.51 (\$1.50) OF \$9.40, CSF \$1.33, \$1.51 (\$1.50) OF \$2.40 (\$1.50) OF \$1.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$2.50 (\$1.50) OF \$1.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$2.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$2.50 (\$1.70, \$1.10 OF \$1.40 20 CSF \$2.50 OF \$1.50 OF \$1.50 OCSF LF 129J 50 CSF £116 81 3.00 [St 11yd1 1, Cae-En-Cee (T Ourn), 14 11, 2 CM2mtsfounce (8-4 lay); 3, How's Yer Father (5-1) 12 ran NR Creche. Shades Of Jack. Tachyon Park. Hd, nk, M McCourt Tote: £11.80; £270, £1.30, £2 00 DF £12.40, CSF £35.73 Thosat £121.58 Placepot: NOT gyallable 3.30 (1m 31 144vd) 1. Antiguan Flyer (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav), 2. White Wedding (12-1); 3. Dolly Madison (8-2), 8 ran 4t, 3 tcl 8 Hills Toler 52 40, 51 30, 52 30, 51 70 DF-58 50 CSF- 518 27

288 31 3.45 (1m 11 213yd) 1, Lyn's Return II. Deriton, 5-2 (1-fav), 2, Fly For Gold (20-1), 3, Rolly Wallson (20-1), Breshdancer 5-2 (1-tav 15 ran. 34), Ad. R. Simpson Tote CSF: 25-37, Star 28 30 DF: 2244 90, CSF: 255-37, After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Going: good to soft (soft in back straight)

**MONDAY'S LATE RESULTS** 

Going: good to ism

8.40 (51 10yd) 1. Truthfus Image (A Murro, 9-2), 2, Cumbrian Cavaker (20-1); 3, Court Ministrel (12-1) Creche 7-2 fav 12 ran 2, n.k. M. Ryan, Tote (52.0, 52.10, 58.70, 52.80 DF, \$167.90 CSF- 188.16 Tricast 1951 (1).

7.10 ilm 3f 135yd) 1, Simply-H (P Turner, 5-4 fev. Private Handicapper's top rating). 2, Deer Hunt (7-2), 3, Chipper (10.1) 12 ran. 5th nd 4 in Best Tole. 12 40. 21.50. £2.20. £1.30 DF: £4.50 CSF. £5.71. Tropast £30 75. After a stewards' enbury, result stood.

7.40 (5i 10yd) 1, Lyric Fantasy (M Roberts, 3-1), 2, Ancestral Dancer (Evens lav) Shette's Secret (9-2) 7 ren. ½, 3l. R Hannon Tyle, £4-50, £2-30, £1-40 DF; £3.00 CSF £6.46.

8.10 (1m 27 7yd) 1. Peto (8 Cauthen, 5-2), 2. Mapboor (10-11 lay); 3. First Cantury (3-1). 8 ran 3 vsl. 2 vsl. H Cecil Tote: £2.90; 51.10, £1.20, £1.40, DF £1.60 CSF-£4.90.

Placepot: £17.80.

Hexham

☐ Garah impressively supplemented her recent Newmarket debut win with an easy victory in the Headingley Stakes at Nottingham yesterday, to complete a double for Henry Cecil, initiated by Belgran.

☐ Suave Dancer is likely to have Fortune's Wheel and Pistolet Bleu among his rivals when he makes his seasonal debut in the group one Prix Ganay at Longchamp on



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Injuries prove costly for Warwickshire

# Plundering Broad makes short work of depleted attack

signs of life which, with a full-

strength attack, might have

made Nottinghamshire's

task daunting. Hemmings

got one to bounce and turn.

Twose leaving reluctantly as

French claimed the catch.

When the new ball was taken,

Pick found even more lift,

Piper failing to get his bat out

of the way to give French the

From the Radcliffe Road

end, by contrast, the ball was

still keeping low. Lewis trapped Smith, the only re-

fourth of his five catches.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (23pts) beat Warwickshire (6) by eight wickets

AFTER three tense, competitive days, Nottinghamshire won with surprising ease on the fourth afternoon. At the last. Warwickshire could not disguise their lack of resources, Broad plundering their weakened attack to score a fluent 104 and Crawley adding 64, his highest championship score, to thing beyond survival. see their side home with 15

Broad's was the decisive century, but that of Ostler for the beaten side more than stood comparison to it. His resistance on Monday had given Warwickshire the base, but there was still a lot of construction work for them to do yesterday morning. Instead, the building was soon left in ruins.

Beginning with a lead of 128 at 190 for three, they could not have had a worse start. Asil Din, who had played so steadily in support of Ostler, went without addition, slashing Calms to gully.

Worse soon followed. The er with any pretensions as a batsman. Small certainly had tall. elegant Ostler moved none, wafting Lewis airily to smoothly on to his century with an on-driven three, but French after surviving a then relaxed momentarily, chance at slip, and the players losing his off-stump to an began to leave the field. expansive drive after a stay of They were halted by the four hours and eleven min-

unexpected sight of Munton utes. It was a chanceless coming in to take guard oneinnings of impeccable conhanded, his left hand centration and strokes of high strapped behind his back. He made a good fist of it, digging out a near-yorker first ball quality, which accounted for most of his 13 fours, and his departure marked the end of and surviving the rest of Lew-Warwickshire's hopes of anyis's over with some elan, even turning down a single Irritatingly for them, the dabbed to third man. pitch then began to show

Munton's defiance enabled Booth to add another ten runs before he was run out going for a second to keep the bowling, leaving Warwick-shire with a lead of 201. With Munton's badly-damaged finger preventing him from fielding, where his bowling could have been significant, the purpose of the gesture in the overall scheme of things was rather hard to fathom.

as Small bowled one over, conceding eight runs to Broad, before leaving the field with a recurrence of his hamstring problem. That left the responsibility once more on Smith's shoulders, but although he soon defeated Pollard's irresolute defensive shot, he could not repeat his success of the first innings.

Against a second-string attack, Broad is too good a batsman not to prosper, and he did so mightily, playing with unusual freedom on the off side. He hit one more four. his seventeenth, after his century before edging a drive to



Driving ahead: Lamb on the way to completing his hundred at Worcester

# Imran is coming

REPORTS from Pakistan yesterday suggested that Imran Khan might, after all, take part in the tour of England and that he was expected to arrive in London in the middle of next month. The Test series starts on June 4. Imran, who led Pakistan to

victory in the World Cup de-

spite a damaged shoulder, has said repeatedly that the injury would prevent him

However, John Collard, the team's London spokesman, said yesterday: "We hope to be able to announce something more concrete about imran in a couple of days."

# Lamb and scarce time are run out

BY JACK BALLEY

reward.

WORCESTER (third day of four): Worcestershire, with with a neck collar during this match - meant that a considseven wickets in hand, are erable burden fell on the 115 runs ahead of Northready and willing, but finally

UNLESS there is a bolt from the blue today, and we have one of those contrived finishes that detractors from the three-day game so deplore, it is difficult to see a result emerging.

Parkinson's law has thus far had the chief say in proceedings at New Road. A virtually uninterrupted three days have seen the work expand to fill the time available.

The start of the new season seems to have taken both teams by surprise. In Worcestershire's case, a number of injuries and minor ailments found them without a 12th man at home and an attack weakened more than somewhat by Dilley's inability to bowl since tea-time on

Dilley's is a sad tale. Last winter, an ankle operation was followed by a fight to get match fit for the start of the season. Now, he is the victim of a strained Achilles tendon. A period with his leg in plaster awaits him and a good month of inactivity beckons: this after only 32 overs of the campaign.

His absence, coupled with Moody's inability to bowl, Illingworth's lack of neck movement — a trapped nerve has had him walking round playing this summer.

# Parker's defiance cheers Durham

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM (third day of four): Durham, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are five runs ahead of Leices-

flagging Newport. For the two hours and 15 minutes THE quality of Durham's initial championship side before lunch he plugged away with precious little luck and may be dubious but the commilment is unquestionable. the wicket of Williams as his Condemned to a retrieving mission from the first session Curran went early and by of this first fixture, they were the time Newport had been at still scrapping for survival last it for nearly two hours, Lamb night with a spirit personified had moved to his 74th centuby the defiance of Paul

ry: his 44th for Northamp-Starting a second life in tonshire (now, with Wayne county cricket at the age of 36 Larkins, he lies second only to is a test of character, especially when the first life was only Dennis Brookes), Lamb's stay of 3 hours was ended when Williams refused a suicidal reluctantly left behind. Parker, his roots still in Susrun and, with Roberts going cheaply, it was left to a fine sex, with his family, is an fighting innings by Ripley, ably assisted by Walker, to example to all the nomads

involved in the Durham adventure, graphically dedicated to the cause both on and off the field.

Parker is into his ninth hour of batting in this match. He devoted four hours to a glueing job on a fragmenting first innings and then, when the ignominy of a three-day defeat began to loom at lunchtime yesterday, he nourished the escape bid so protec tively that, given a full final

day, all things are possible.
Leicestershire have been
the dictators almost throughout but Durham are now ahead and there is power to add substantially so long as Parker has Botham for company. Chasing quick runs, on a pitch increasingly support-ing spin, would be no easy proposition. This game could yet advertise the capacity for a twist in the tail of a fourth

Morrison thwarted by Kent

Marsh, who had put on 57,

and would have had a third

wicket in as many overs had

Watkinson not missed a catch

offered by Mark Ealham, who stayed to make 33 and

put on 58 with Davis. Al-

though Watkinson dismissed

Ealham and Penn to take his

tally of first-class wickets to

400. Davis steered Kent to

stricted at Taunton, where

147 overs altogether were lost

Play was again badly re-

The first-innings advan-tage was extended to 178 in the day's first hour, Leicestershire lasting just long enough for Ben Smith to complete his maiden century. Already an England Under-19 cap, Smith was out in single fig-

ures only once in 23 innings Larkins and Glendener launched the Durham innings as if the deficit needed. to be wiped off before it was noticed. Both paid the penal-ty, although if Glendenen played culpably across the line in Wells's first over, Larkins was possibly unlucky to be leg-before against

Mulially's slanting left-armover line. Two down for 30 was a precipice. A less motivated side might have stepped over but Parker and Jones dug in their heels with a selflessness striking in two men whose

was time enough for Andrew Payne, an 18-year-old all-

rounder, born in Lancashire,

to make an unbeaten half-

century on his debut for Som-

erset after Graham Rose had

failen 15 short of a hundred.

the fourth wicket in the in-

nings for off spinner Martyn

It was a good match for

young players. Tim Hancock,

aged 20, made his maiden

hundred for Gloucestershire

and the highly-rated Andrew

Total (3 wids)

Extras (4b 3, 4b 1) .....4

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-19, 2-58, 3-77

Ball, 21 earlier in the week.

instincts have always been to

play their shots.
The weather was unwelcoming but a good crowd, including a bevy of students in the "free seats" on the bank outside the entrance, patientstudied an afternoon in which 38 overs brought 55 runs and the last ten only two. Jones, having held him

in check for 212 hours, was disgusted to fail to a catch behind off glove and body against the turn of Potter. When the recalled Wells dispatched an out-of-touch Bainbridge, Durham still trailed by 66 and an innings defeat could not be discount-

ed. It soon was. Parker accelerated once past 50 and Botham, opting for the bold option, drove Potter over the marquees at long-on. The first session today might be decisive; it might also be a lot of fun.

Johannesburg: India's itiner-

INTERNATIONAL DATES: November 13-17: first Test (at Durben). 28-30: second Test (Johannesburg), Decamber 7: first one-day international (Zeet Town). 9: second one-day international (Port Eizabeth). 11: third one-day international (Centurion Park). 12: burth one-day international (Bloemfortein). 17: shifth one-day international (Bloemfortein). 17: shifth one-day international (Centurion). 18: seventh one-day international (Cest London). 28-30: third Test (Port Elizabeth). January 2-6: third Test (Port Elizabeth). January 2-6: one-day international (East London third Test (Port Elizabeth), Janu tourth Test (Cape Town).

# India to play four Tests

ary for their ten-week tour of South Africa starting in October, which was announced yesterday, includes four Test matches and seven one-day internationals. (Reuter)

### Curtis fatally down the wick-et, before Moody and when they reached tea at 116 in the weather in the drawn Caddick, on his championfor four. However, Morrison game between Somerset and ship debut, was the pick of Gloucestershire. But there Somerset's attack. then dismissed Benson and Leatherdale saw out the day.

the draw.

# Lancashire v Kent OLD TRAFFORD (final day of loar): Lancashiro (7pts) drew with Kent (7) LANCASHIRE: First fraings 397 (G D Layo 132, P A J DeFrance 55; MA Esthem 4 for 61, A P Igglesden 4 for 65) Second Immigs Extras (lb 6, w 2, nb 8) . . . . . .. ... 18 Total (5 wkts dec) ....... FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-112, 3-124, 4-170, 5-201 104, 3-201 BOWLING, Igglesden 7-2-20-1, McCaque 5-0-20-9; Fleming 7-1-35-1 Parin 10-2-23-0, Cowdrey 6-2-15-1, Davis 8-2-33-0; Edithum 6-0-33-1, Benson 2-0-18-1 Ward 1-5-0-10-0

KENT: First Innungs 300 for 7 dec (S A Marsh 78, R P Davis 54 not out, M F Benson 53, M Watkinson 4 for 60) Second Innings Second Invenge
"M R Benson b Marmson
TR Ward c Mornson b DeFrentae
N R Taylor c Lloyd b Marten ....
G R Covetery o Hegg b Marten ....
M V Flatteng b Mornson
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M J McCague not out ...... Extras (b.9, lb.6, w.1, nb.6) Total (8 wkts) ... . . FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-11, 3-49 4-58, 5-117, 6-133, 7-191, 8-191.

BOWLING DeFrortes 13-2-34-1; Martin 11-1-26-2, Monrason 13-3-41-3; Watkunson 18-55-47-2; Barnett 12-4-29-0 Umpres. B Leadbealer and A G T Whitehead

Gloucestershire TAUNTON (final day of four): Some (5pis) draw with Gloucestershire (4) GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innunce 344 (THC Hancock 102, CW J Athey 65, MC J Balf 54, A R Caddick 4 for 96)

ease Northants into a slender

But all this took time. It was

after 3pm before Curtis and

Seymour began Worcester-

shire's second innings -

barely a day and a half left.

Again, progress was slow.

Seymour was soon caught at

the wicket, but not until

Lamb remembered Roberts.

his leg spinner, was the air of

stalemate temporarily

There were shades of

Mushtaq in the World Cup

final as Hick was leg-before

on the back foot to Roberts.

Then the little spinner lured

relieved.

J Ball 54. A R Caddick 4 for 96)

SOMERSET: First Innings
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Score after 100 overs: 264-7 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-114, 3-140, 4-147, 5-151, 6-187, 7-234, 8-286, 8-291. BOWLING. Babrigton 26.2-89-1, Gerard 25-5-78-2, Vaughan 26.7-48-2; Athey 4-3-1-0; Ball 47-14-103-4; Hancock 3 4-0-11-0; Alleyne 5-1-10-0 Umpres: D J Constant and D R Shepherd

Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Not(inghemshire (23pts) beat Werwickshire (6) by eight wickets 

DANNY Morrison, the New

Zealand fast bowler, was un-

stinting in his efforts to mark

his county championship de-

but for Lancashire by bowl-

ing them to victory over Kent

at Old Trafford yesterday and

might well have done so but

for a dropped catch (Geoffrey

to win in a minimum of 75

overs, lost their first two wick-

ets for 11 but looked like

saving the match comfortably

Kent, having been set 311

Wheeler writes).

FALL OF WICKETS\* 1-6, 2-36, 3-104, 4190, 5-223, 6-229, 7-245, 8-245, 9-253,
BOWLING: Levels 28, 1-8-54-2; Pick 15-53-3-3, Carmy 17-5-53-2; Hemmings 34-1255-1; Evane 17-5-40-1; Crawlay 4-0-11-0.
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 311
(E Hemmings 52 not out, FI A Pick 52 not out, P A Smith 5 for 79) Second Innings

B C Broad c Piper b Twose ...
P R Posterd b Smith .... . ...
M A Crawley not out .......
D W Randell not out .......

Extres (b 3, lb 5) ...... Total (2 wkts) . ...... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-158 PAUL OF WIGHTS: 12-9-0, Smith 10-1-44-1. Twose 16-42-41-1; Booth 27-5-3-81-0; Lloyd 2-1-8-0; Moles 2-0-11-0. Umpres: G A Stickley and P B Wight.

Durham v Leicestershire DURHAM UNIVERSITY (third day of four): Durham, with six second-binings wickets in hand, are five runs sheed of Leicestashira DURHAME First Innings 164 (P W G

Second Innings 

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-30, 3-91, 4-

Total .... ...

Score after 100 evers: 268-5 FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-28, 3-101, 4-197, 5-215, 6-287, 7-304, 8-327, 8-335. BOWLING: Bothern 25-10-51-2; Brown 26-2-80-3; Hughes 25-9-63-2; Graveney 29-8-80-1; Berry 25-7-80-2. Bonus points. Durham 3, Leicestershire 7. Umpres: B Ducleston and M J Harris



Morrison: denied

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Inning
A Fortham c Rhodes b Newport
N A Feiton c Hick b Newport
R J Balley c Seymour b Newport
A J Lamb run out
D J Capel c Moody b Newport
K M Curran c Rhodes b Radford
R G Williams b Newport
A R Roberts c Moody b Stemp
10 Righey not out
A Walker b Illingworth
J P Taylor c Moody b Illingworth
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Lattas to S b 3 n b 5. Extras (to 5, to 3, nb 5) . . . . . . . . <u>13</u> Total FALL OF WICKETS, 1-45, 2-56 3-97, 4-155, 5-226, 8-235, 7-244, 8-252, 9-334. BOWLING: Dilley 11-3-4-0; Recitord 33-9-82-1; Newport 37-9-102-5; Illingworth 25 1-5-86-2; Leatherdale 5-2-13-0; Stemp 12-3-37-1; Heck 4-2-12-0.

> No play yesterday LORD'S: Middlesex 341 (M W Gatting

Bonus points. Worcesteshire 6, Northamptonehire 5

a de la companya de l YESTERDAY'S BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS Worcestershire v Northamptonshire WCRCESTER (third day of four): Wordestershire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 115 runs sheed of Northamptonshire WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 345 (G A Hick 92; D J Capel 5 for 61)

Croft 51).

THE OVAL: Yorkshire 495 for 9 dec (M D Moxon 141, A A Metcatie 73, P W Jervis 82, P A Grayson 57; N M Kendrick 4 for 89); Surrey 6 for 2 SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire 468 for 2 dec (T C Middleton 153, V P Terry 141, R A Smith 107, D I Gower 55); Sussex 50 for 1. FENNER'S: Essex 315 for 8 dec (M A Gernham 82 not out, P J Pritchard 71, N V Knight 62, J 18 Lewis 58) and 195 for 3 dec (N V Knight 104, J-J B Lewis 70); Cambridge University 75 (T D Topley 5 for 55) and 41 for 3 Match drawn.

RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPION-

55) and 41 for 3 Match drawn
RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPIONSHIP: Headingley: Yorkshire 285-3 dec
(M P Vaughan 107; I A Greig 4-39) and 600. Surray 157-2 dec (P D Astins 22 not
out), Leicaster: Durham 300-3 dec and
114-2; Leicastershire 275. No play yeaterday: Portsmouth: Hampshire 226;
Somersel 11-1. Caraterbury: Lencashire
220-6 v Kant. Howe: Suesex 289 (N J
Lenham 61, M T E Pierce 73 not out; D 8
D'Oliveira 5-54); Worcestershire 50-1.

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county championship 11 0, 110 overs minimum SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire y Sussex LORD'S: Middlesex v Glamorgan THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire WORCESTER: Worcestershire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND X CHAMPIONSHIP: Portsmouth: Hamp-stre v Somerset. Canterbury: Kant v Lancasher. Lelcaster; Lidocatershire v Durtram. Hove: Sussex v Woommiterships. Headingley: Yorkshre v Surrey. Jikeston: Derbyshre v Giousstershire.

# **Guscott recovery** gives Bath nine caps in cup final

**RUGBY UNION** 

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

JEREMY Guscott, happily recovered from a bruised shoulder, returns to the team that challenges for Bath's seventh cup success in the Pilkington Cup final against Harlequins at Twickenham on Saturday.

The England centre returned from playing in the New Zealand centenary series last Friday but was not fit enough to play against Sara-cens in the match which clinched the Courage Clubs Championship, lessyn Lewis makes way for Guscott, bringing Bath's international

complement to nine. David Egerton, the former England No. 8, damaged a rib cartilage in training last week and concedes the position of blind-side flanker to Steve Oiomoh, who will play in his first cup final.

Their opponents will not confirm their XV until after tomorrow evening's disciplinary hearing involving two of their forwards. "We are at sixes and sevens just a few days before facing the best with beginning the best best of the property of the seventy o club side in the world," Dick Best, who is on the cup holders' coaching panel, said.

Harlequins must surely plan for a match without Mickey Skinner and Richard Langhorn, who were sent off in last Saturday's game against Gloucester. The Mid-dlesex disciplinary committee

# Samoans' appeal widened

WESTERN Samoa, who attracted so much praise dur-ing the World Cup, this evening make the first of four appearances in sevens tournaments in Europe (David Hands writes). They aim to highlight the destruction of their country in December, when Cyclone Val damaged 90 per cent of dwellings and wreaked havoc with crops.

They play in the London floodlit sevens at Rosslyti Park tonight, going on to the Caldy sevens at Liverpool on Sunday, the Middlesex tournament at Twickenham on sevens in Benidorm on May 22 and 24. A raffie at Rosslyn Park will go towards the appeal fund.

The Samoans play Cambridge University and Saracens, but London Scottish, winners for the past four years, will be the focus of attention.

R.OODLIT SEVENS: Pool A: London Scottish, West London HE, London Weish. Pool B: Western Samo. Carribridge University, Seracora. Pool C: Rosslyn Park, Richmond, Blackheath. Pool D: London Irlah, Metropolitan Police, Harlequins.

has brought forward its normal meeting, but the hopes of either player escaping a suspension are minimal.

"We would rather play, and beat a full-strength Harle-quins team, Clive Howard. Bath's secretary, said, echoing the words of Andy Robinson, the club captain. Howard said of Middlesex's motives in bringing forward their meeting: "If one of the players [sent off] were to be cautioned and the hearing had been held after the final. Harlequins could have said that if Middlesex had acted earlier, the player would have been available for the final."

The best Harlequins can hope for is a favourable report on the neck injury of Neil Edwards, their Scotland lock, but initial prognostications were not good.

Meanwhile, Bernard Lapasset, the president of the French federation, has under-lined his hopes of erasing foul play. "Every player guilty of violence or brutality will be banned from the national team from the start of next season," Lapasset said after returning from New Zealand. where Olivier Roumat, the French lock, was sent off during the centenary series.

BATH: J Webb: A Swift, J Guscott, P De Glarwille, J Falton; S Barnas, R Hall G Chloott, G Dates, V Ubogu, A Robrison (captain), M Haag, N Redman, S Cjomoh, S Clarks, Replacoments: J Bansey, I Lawa 8 Knight, J Mellett, C Atkins, D Egenton

# Players in hurry to merge

ROUNDHAY and Headingey, both in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship, are to hold extraor-dinary general meetings to discuss the next stage of their proposed merger as the new Leeds club (David Hands writes)

The players have suggested that the merger take place in time for next season, rather than 1993-4. But the new ground at Shadwell is not designed to be ready until 1993. Should the merger go through more swiftly than expected, promotion and relegation this season will not be

Meanwhile, Moriey and West Hartlepool have been told to play their outstanding fivrare in the second division this evening, despite appeals by both clubs not to do so. The original fixture last month was abandoned after the collapse, and subsequent death, of John Howe, the West Hartlepool lock. The clubs agreed to play today if promotion or relegation issues hung on the result. That is not the case.

# BADMINTON

# Absentees damage world team hopes

. By RICHARD EATON

AN UNEXPECTED first cap for Alison Humby, aged 19, and the surprise omission of three leading players in the England squads announced yesterday represent blows to the hopes of winning a medal in the Thomas and Uber Cups world team finals in Kuala Lumpur next week.

Humby is a promising doubles player from Southampton who, with her fellowteenager Joanne Wright, reached semi-finals of the world junior championships. But the absence of Sara Sankey and Julie Bradbury, who both reached the semifinals of last month's All England championships (with different partners), means the women's chances of acquiring a bronze in the Uber Cup have become remote.

Bradbury has an infection and Sankey does not wish to be away from her baby for more than two weeks.

The other absentee is the unfortunate Steve Butler, whose thrombosis may already have cost him an Olym-pic place. Peter Smith, who made his England debut in February, replaces Butler and thus will join his wife, Fiona Smith, the English national and Commonwealth champion.

ENGLAND TEAMS: Menc D Hall, A Nighen, P Knowlee, P Smith, D Wright, N Poming, A Goode, C Hust, Worner, H Troke, J Muggeridge, S Louis, F Smith, G Carles, G Gowers, J Wright, A Humby.

### · FOOTBALL .30 unless stated international matches

CIS v England ......(at Moscow, 4.0) oublic of Ireland v United States (at Lanadowne Road, 5.0)

(at Vienna, 7.0) Uefa Under-21 championship Semi-final, second leg Sweden v Scotland (6.0). (al Orebro, Sweden)

Barclays League Second division Blackburn v Sunderland (7.45)...... Brighton v Portsmouth (7.45)....... Third division

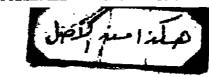
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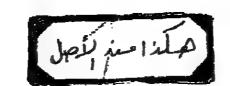
**RUGBY UNION** Courage Clubs Championship

Second division Morley v W Hartiepool (7.0) .. Heineken Weish League

Second division Ebbw Vale v Cross Keys (7.0).... LONDON FLOODLIT SEVENS (Rosslyn Park, 5.0).

OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Embassy world champ-ionship (Sheffleld) TENNIS: LTA spring satellita roumamen (Sheffield). (Shemea). SPEEDWAY: First division Gold Cup: Oxford v Beile Vue (7.45). Poole v Eastbourne (7.45). Second division Gold Cup: Long Eaton v Rya House (7.30).





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England disappoint in B international

# Webb and Jobson press claims for European places

England B....

FROM STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW

ON A corrugated iron pitch and in front of only a sprin-kling of spectators, yester-day's B international was parely worthy of the name. It was played in such a low key that it all but slipped off the end of the scale.

The sun shone and warmed Torpedo Moscow's stadium, another example of a dilapidated ruin in this run-down city, but there could scarcely have been a less favourable stage on which to present genuine credentials for the European championship. Only a couple of individuals

did so with any conviction. One of them was Webb, the other Jobson. Smith could not be faulted and, in intercepting a wayward back pass in the sixth minute and rolling the ball past a stranded goalkeeper, he maintained a notable strike rate for the B team. It was his fourth goal in

four appearances, Since he had been discarded for all but one of Arsenal's last eight fixtures, his contribution was as fresh as that of Webb. He, too, had been omitted in the last few weeks.

Yorath

turns to

**Roberts** 

IWAN Roberts, the Hudders-

field Town forward, will lead

the Wales attack against Aus-

Roberts, who won his previ-

ous cap against Holland in the 2-1 World Cup defeat in

Wrexham in October 1989,

has scored 34 goals for Hud-

dersfield in the third division

Roberts, Malcolm Allen, of

Millwall, and Lee Nogan, of

Watford, were the only three

genuine strikers left in Terry

Yorath's squad. Eight players

have dropped out through

injury and club promotion

and relegation commitments

or in the case of Ian Rush and

Dean Saunders, of Liverpool,

an approaching FA Cup

Yorath, the Wales manag-

er, is also without Mark

Hughes and Ryan Giggs. of

Manchester United, Gary

Speed, of Leeds United, and

Mark Pembridge, of Luton

Yorath yesterday added the

The Vienna game is a lead-

up to Wales's opening World

Cup game in Romania next

month. The Austrians are re-

ported to be expecting a

53,000 sellout at the Prater

chance for the younger players to stake their claims,"

'Austria play a similar sort

of game to Romania. They

had a poor European cham-

pionships, but they did beat

WALES: N Southell (Everior), C Colemen (Crystal Palace), M Abdevlood (Bristol Crly), E Young (Crystal Palace), M Bowen (Norwich City), D Philips (Norwich City), C Blackmore (Manchester Umiso), B Home (Southampton), J Goss (Norwich City), M Allen (Millerall), 1 Roberts (Huddersfield

Lithuania 4-0 last month."

"As far as a warm-up for

uncapped Nogan and Jason Rees, the Luton midfield play-

tria in Vienna tonight.

this season.

Town.

Stadium.

Yorath said.

er, to his squad.

Against a group of young-sters, brought in once the Olympic side had failed to qualify for the tournament in Barcelona, the rest of England's representatives, Beardsley in particular, appeared to be jaded at the end

of their long season. Le Tissier, once he had been brought on for Sharpe, who was evidently out of touch, introduced a touch of rare invention. He was involved in most of England's brighter moves as the event. held amid an eerie silence, drifted to a meaningless

Webb displayed the pass-ing ability missing from Manchester United's recent challenge for the champion-ship. One of his through-balls, struck over a distance of some 40 yards, provided Smith with an opportunity to raise his own total and the England lead after the inter-

He was denied by the goalkeeper and, after Dicks had scorned another chance, England lost control of a game in which they had been clearly superior. Their defence was split and, although Dixon intervened illegitimately, any appeals for a penalty were rendered irrelevant as Mamedov prodded home the rebound.

TORINO'S failure to win

even one of Europe's three

cup competitions is one of the

game's enduring mysteries.

Despite a long and distin-

guished history, the club has failed to add a continental

prize to its seven league championships and five Ital-

ian cups. Tonight, in the Stadio Delle Alpi., Torino

may at last begin to put that

Cup final represents the best

chance the club has had to

win a European trophy. The

cup has been won by an Italian side for the last three

seasons, and where Napoli,

then Juventus and, last year.

Internazionale have succeed-

ed since 1989, Torino are expected to follow. On top of

everything else, national

been cast as underdogs. They

accounted for another Italian

club, Genoa, in the semi-

finals, but Torino are a more

talented and more obdurate

outfit than the Genoese.

Ajax, their opponents, have

The first leg of the Uefa

clearly audible, but it was the actions of his central defensive colleague, Jobson, that caught the eye. Assured in everything he did, the 21year-old enhanced his own reputation and that of his country. Few others on show

Neither Thomas nor Rocastle, who have been included in the senior side, indicated a worthiness for immediate promotion. At least Seaman, a goalkeeper who was so shaky in Czechoslovakia last month, suggested that the psychological damage he suffered there has not been irreparable. His handling was in general compeent and secure.

Although the more experienced side on show should have won by a comfortable margin, they did at least pro-tect an impressive record under Graham Taylor. Of the eight fixtures so far, they have won six and drawn two. The last defeat was inflicted by the Republic of Ireland in Cork more than two years ago.

Torino aiming to solve

an enduring mystery

Yet Emiliano Mondonico,

their coach, remains cau-

tious. He saw Ajax comfortably beat VVV Venlo 3-0 in

the Dutch league at the week-

end and said yesterday:

"They're a first-class outfit.

They don't have so many in-dividual stars as Real Ma-

drid, who we best in the semi-

final, but to my mind, they

seem an altogether more solid side and difficult to outma-

noeuvre. I think we start even-

ly matched, although they

have more experience at the

Like Torino, Ajax's best

days are in the past. The

Dutch are best known for the

team built around and in-

spired by Johann Cruyff in

the early Seventies. They did win the Cup-Winners' Cup in

1987, but that team has long

Their present line-up is

built around the emerging

talents of Dennis Bergkamp.

aged 23, with Aron Winter,

John van't Schip and Bryan

Roy in support, but it is young

since been broken up.

top level than we do."



Seeing the sights: England players, from left, Steven, Stevens, Woods and Sinton relax in Moscow yesterday before meeting the CIS. Preview, page 32

# **Injured Byrne**

may miss final BY LOUISE TAYLOR

JOHN BYRNE, Sunderland's leading scorer, will miss tonight's second division match against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park tonight. Byrne, who sustained an achilles tendon injury at Brighton last Saturday, will game against Cambridge

United Byrne, who saw a specialist in Newcastle yesterday, could struggle to be fit for the FA Cup final against Liverpool a week on Saturday. Malcolm Crosby, the club's caretaker manager, yesterday said he was "hopeful" that Byrne, who has scored in every round of the Cup so far would

be fit for Wembley. Blackburn, who are desperate to qualify for a place in the second division promotion play-offs, will be further assisted by the absence of Anton Rogan from the Sunderland rearguard. Arguably their best defender, Rogan was on international duty for Northem Ireland against Lithuania in Belfast yesterday. Indeed, Crosby may risk back of the mind.

Football League by resting several more players against Blackburn. John Kay, who has a slight calf strain, may be joined on the sidelines by Paul Bracewell, Brian Atkinson and Tony Norman. That may in turn upset black burn's rivals for a place in the play-offs. Our regulation 21 is quite

potential trouble from the

clear." a League spokesman, Ian Conon, said yesterday. It says that all clubs must play their strongest team in all matches unless a satisfactory reason is given. All team sheets are studied and if it was felt necessary we would investigate."

Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, who has seen his expensively assembled side fall from first to seventh place, said: "I don't know how the Sunderland players might be thinking. The fact that they are safe could be beneficial or otherwise to us. But I do know from experience that it is easier said than done to put a Cup final to the

competition.

"The New Zealanders will

YACHTING

# **Confusion amid** jury dismissal of Italy protest

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

THE America's Cup challenger trials final, for the Louis Vuinon Cup. turned into a pantomime vesterday when the international jury disallowed Italy's protest against the way the New Zealand crew use their bowsprit. then changed the wording of the rules for the rest of the challenger series to those formulated by the America's Cup jury. The America's Cup rules outlaw the New Zealand practice of sheeting their gennaker to ", end of the

bowspriL Competitors and commentators were left flabbergasted by the inconsistent decisions of this amateur jury which could well lead to the farcical situation of New Zealand winning through to challenge for the America's Cup, then being disqualified from

competing. Even Stan Reid, the chairman of the Louis Vuitton Cup organisers, was in open disagreement with the jury's conclusions. In an effort to gain agreement from all sides, including the American defenders, who are just as much against the New Zealand practice as the Italians, Reid persuaded his jurists to accept an earlier ruling from the America's Cup jury.

now have to change the way they sail their boat," he said

IN BRIEF

yesterday. Moments later. however, Graeme Owens, the chairman of the jury, remained just as insistent that the New Zealanders did not have to change their contentious sailing routines.

The Italians said in a statement that it had taken 54 days for the New Zealanders, jury and organisers to understand that the rules governing the Louis Vuitton Cup musi be the same as those for the America's Cup.

"Il Moro di Venezia has always complied with the rules for the America's Cup. New Zealand has not. We will take any action necessary to defend our rights," said the

Should New Zealand win the challenger thals, that Italian action is likely to take the form of a direct appeal to the America's Cup jury to disbar the bowsprit boat from the Cup and nominate their yacht. Il Moro di Venezia, instead. It is a move that could well win the support of the defending San Diego Yacht Club, which has its own reasons for wanting to see New Zealand's fast and unconventional yacht

RESULTS: Defender trials (best of 13 moss). Overall America? (this point, 4 ents Stora & Stopes (D. Conner). 3. Challenger stalls (best of 39 Overall, New Zealand (R. Davis), 3 wins if Moro di Venezia (P. Cayard I), 2.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Player on

cannabis

faces ban

A FIRST division rugby

league player has been found

positive for cannabis and will

face a two-year ban when he

appears shortly at a hearing

# Becker and Borg upsets

Bjorn Borg, who once won almost every tennis tournament he entered, tasted firstround defeat for the third week running yesterday. After failing in Nice and Monte Carlo, the Swede lost 6-1, 6-0 to Goran Prpic, of Croatia, in Munich.

Boris Becker, three-times Wimbledon champion, pulled out of the Madrid Open with a back injury

# Mile clash

Athletics: Tatvana Dorovskikh, the world and Olympic 3,000 metres champion, takes on Snezana Pajkic, the European 1,500 metres title-holder, in the Grampian invitation mile race in Aberdeen on May 16.

# Bout delayed

Boxing: Because of the sickness of the Sheffield man's opponent, Johnny Nelson's IBF world cruiserweight title contest against the American. James Warring, in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on Saturday has a May 16 dateline.

# On the grid

Motor racing: Perry McCar-thy was finally granted his Formula One licence yesterday after years of mying. The Essex-based racer will make his debut in the Spanish grand prix at Barcelona this weekend driving for the Andrea Moda (formerly Coloni) team aloneside the Brazilian, Roberto Moreno.

# Patching-up

Rugby league: Andy Gregory, the Wigan Great Britain scrum-half, expects to play against Castleford in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on Saturday despite a ruptured thigh muscle injury that would normally take six weeks to heal. A London clinic is giving him special treatment to enable other muscles to compensate.

### of the board of directors of the sport's governing body (John Goodbody writes). The rugby league yesterday was unwill

ing yesterday to name him. He is the first player from a leading British sport to be found positive for a social drug, although several surfers and one speedway rider have

been found positive over the last two years. The finding is one of 46 positive tests plus 13 refusals including two in rugby league, announced by the sports council for 1991-2

compared with a combined total of 53 for the previous year. The drug testing centre at

Kings College, London, only tests for cannabis when specifically asked to do so by a governing body concerned by the possible danger to the competitor or other people involved in the sport.

David Oxley, the chief executive of the rugby league, said: "I have no reason to think that this incident is widespread in the sport. However, since there are 1.200 professional players and given the social situation in this country, it would be naive to think that the use of cannabis does not occur."

The two players who technically refused tests, Adrian Shelford, of Wakefield, and Brendan Tuuia, of Featherstone, were not suspended after personal hearings because of extenuating circumstances. Both have been tested since and the results were negative.

The rugby league is intro-ducing out-of-season testing this summer.

### FROM CLIVE WHITE Peyton made his debut for are first choice with their rethemselves creditably in two Gunn are fit to play for Norwich this weekend. Peyson. years' time. Ireland more than 15 years spective clubs and that there IN DUBLIN ago, four years before the is still no sign of a young who had been hoping to suc-

the Romania game it is not what I wanted, but it is a GERRY Peyton, the perpetual understudy, steps out from the shadows this week into the spotlight at international and, possibly, club level, too. The Eventon reserve goalkeeper, who is on loan to Norwich City, makes a rare appearance for the Republic of Ireland here against the United States this afternoon before, perhaps, facing Leeds United, the newly-crowned Football League champions. at Elland Road on Saturday.

introduction of Pat Bonner. but has spent much of the time as the latter's deputy. Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, stressed yesterday that Bonner had not been omitted as a result of the player's lack of first team foothall - it was merely a case of Peyton needing to keep his hand in. It is 22 months since he won the last of his 29 caps. It must be of some concern

successor emerging. Bonner, 31, has not been a regular in the Celtic side since November, a situation which will prompt him to submit a written transfer request this week after 13 years at Parkhead. It is understood that Nottingham Forest have showed an interest in reviving his career.

Netherlands by PSV Eindho-

ven. Ominously, a recurrance

of a knee injury is

threatending to rule Bergkamp out of the first leg altogether, with both Winter

and Roy additionally ham-

In contrast, although both

Roberto Policano and Luca

Fusi are ruled out of Torino's

midfield through suspension

they will be replaced with

comparitively little trouble.

Enzo Scifo, the brilliant Bel-

gian playmaker, missed Sun-

day's thrilling 2-2 draw with

AC Milan, but he will return

to take up Policano's deep

lying role with the Spaniard, Martin Vasquez, foraging

further forward. GianLuigi

Lentini, coveted by Milan,

and Walter Casagrande will

cause problems for the Dutch

TORIMO (probable): I. Marchegare. P. Bruzo, R Mussi, E. Annon, R. Carvero, G. Venturo, G. Lanter, W. Cassignerde, R. Marth Vitxquez, V. Scén, G. Breecame. AJAX (probable): S. Menzo, D. Blind, F. Da. Boer, S. Stooy, M. Vink, A. Wenter, M. Kreek, J. van. 1. Schp. B. Rey, J. van. Loen, D. Berghamp or S. Petenspon.

Peyton takes his place on international stage

Peyton, who will be 36 next month, could make his debut in the English first division before his great rival if. as expected, neither Walton nor ceed Southall at Goodison Park before the Welsh international's anticipated transfer to Chelsea fell through, is now looking for a permanent move to the Norfolk club. The United States are un-

likely to provide Peyton with as much opportunity to prove his worth as Leeds may do, but for the 1994 World Cup hosts it is important that ev-ery "friendly" is approached in a competitive frame of mind if they are to acquit

If anything, the game at Lansdowne Road, whose con-

version into an all-seater stadium is almost complete, has more immediate significance for Ireland, who open their World Cup campaign against Albania next month.

AIDZINIS NEXT MONTH.
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: G Phyton
Reveron, C Morris (Cetac), O Irwin
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Aldridge (Transvere Rovers), B Carrey
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Fluminense 1.

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BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Sunderland 0, Swindon Town 0. NEVILLE: OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chariton 0, Southampton 0; C Palace 2, Charton O, Southerngton O, C Palace 2, Norwich 3. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Pirus divisions Nottingham Forest 2, Sheft Uid 4; West Brom 1, Sunderland Second division: Burnley 0, Huddersfield 0; Certy 1, Blackpool 0; Leacaster 2, Stoke 1; Mansfield 0, Wolveshampton 1, Sculntong 4, Oklaham 2
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BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 5. Chicago Cubs 0: San Francisco Gianta 2, Montreal Expos 0: St Louis Cardinals 5.

Los Angelos Dodgers 4: Philadelphia Philies 12, San Diego Padres 9. AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yan-BOWLS

to Charlton, though, that nei-

ther of his senior goalkeepers

CROYDON: Lorden and Southern Counties Shield: Finat Cyphers 99, Herts 58. Fours finat Picketts Lock 23, Stoke Manderville 21. CANOEING

TREWERN, Wales: World Wild Water Cup (British team selection race): Mess. K1- 1, N Stamps, Oracle. 12min (7 sec. equal 2. M Swellow, Chaeter, sed N Gatth, Herts, 12.20 Ct. 1, M Defrester, Royal, 13.59; 2, M Snich, Lessde, 14.03; 3, J Wilsey, Ref. 14.25; Women: K1- 1, G Berry, Forth, 13.39; 2, T Parsons, Nottinghera. 13.40; 3. J Hands, Nottingham, 14.00 British Wild Water Series: Fifth swent: Men: Kt.: 1, M Stamps, Oracle. 14 00 British Willia Water Sarles. Fifth event: Men: KI: 1, N Stamps. Oracle. 19.59, 2, M Swallow. Chaster, 20.33: 3, N Gallin, Heris, 20.47 CI: 1, M Detretas, Royal, 25 07, 2, J Williays, RAF, 25 13; 3, R Pearlon, Heris, 25.26 CE: 1, Clough Clough, ICI, 22.53; 2, Blebin/Caunk, Nottingham, 23.73; 3, Twigger/Simpson, Nottingham, 23.35. Worters: KI: 1, K Parker, Leods, 22.37; 2, Pennons, Nottingham, 23.09; 3, J Hands. Nottagham, 23.35

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AUGSBURG, Germany: Harleidn Euro pean women's mesters: Final: A Fishe (Eng) bt S Hillyard (Eng), 6-5 MADRID: Men's tournement: Perst round: T Champion (Fr) bt J A Conde (Sp), 7-6, 60: F Cévet (Sp) bt J Oncine (Br), 6-4, 6-3: C Costa (Sp) bt J A Vitica (Sp), 7-6, 7-6. M Rosset (Switz) bt E Sanchez-Vicano, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, A Mancon (Arg) bt J Franc (Arg), 6-4, 7-5, 6 Lopez (Sp) bt M Davids (Neth), 7-5, 6-4, S

Bates: first-round victory in Taiwan Bruguera bl R Furlan (II), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, A Gomez (Ecuador) bt T Carbonell (Sp., 6-2, 6-0

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**YACHTING** 

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British positions; 8-S Rees-Jones and Tribe, 18, D James and 5 Carr BASKETBALL

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# Taylor springs surprise by selecting Daley

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW

FOR the last of the intended experiments before the European football championship, Graham Taylor has pulled two jokers out of his pack. Tony Daley, a wildly unpredictable winger, and Cariton Palmer, a jovial all-rounder, are to play against the Com-monwealth of Independent States tonight here in the huge Central Stadium.

A month ago, Taylor indicated that he might be keeping "something up his sleeve" for the tournament in Sweden and Daley, in particular, qualifies as a surprise. Five weeks ago, he was dropped by his club, Aston Villa, who had no further interest in the domestic

However, he is well known by Taylor, his former manager at Villa, who will encourage him to "take his finger off the trigger at times" and to think momentarily about the various options before firing crosses in his usual indiscriminate fashion.

Yet that is also his strength. "If we don't know where his crosses are going to go," as Taylor put it, "how are they going to know? As long as he frightens a couple of Russians, that will do. You could say that he is in as a laxative for them."

The England manager is not concerned by the erratic nature of Daley, who will be urged to cut inside and use his blistering speed to unsettie the opposition's central defenders. "He doesn't need

to be consistent for 42 games a season," Taylor said. "Like Le Tissier, you can't change him. He offers us something

Daley has displayed his unusual qualities for England for only an hour so far, during the decisive qualifying tie in Poland last November. Palmer, the one debutant and an altogether more reliable contributor, is promoted on the basis of a couple of outstanding performances in the

His strengths are not spectacular but equally vital. Not only can be be industrious in midfield, where he is capable of intercepting the opposition's ideas and broadening those of his own side, he can also function as a back.

Palmer, who started his career at West Bromwich Albion and modelled himself there on Robson, is a natural jester. "There is a time to be serious," he says, "and I think there should be a time to have

have been unavailable had Crystal Palace not equalised in the last two minutes at Selhurst Park on Saturday. Had Bright's lob not ended Sheffield Wednesday's chances of challenging for the title, he would have been withdrawn from the party. As one door closed, so another

It has been shut for so long for Steven and Stevens that they might have imagined it had been locked for ever. Former colleagues at Everton, they are both given an oppor-tunity to re-establish themselves on a right flank they once occupied regularly under Bobby Robson.

Stevens has appeared only once under Taylor, against the Soviet Union at Wembley a year ago, and Steven twice. One of the matches was irrelevant, because Cameroon reduced the occasion to a farce, and the other, against Germany, ended with the only defeat to be inflicted on Tay-lor's line-ups in 17 internationals.

Yet it is on the other flank where England promise to be more uneasy. Sinton will initially open as the left back. His opponent will be Kanchelskis, Manchester United's Ukranian winger.

Taylor trusts that his own attack, led again by Shearer and Lineker, will cause great problems at the other end. He has again chosen an adventurous line-up to take on the Scotland to the European championship in June.



Sitting pretty: Tendulkar, pictured at the Oval yesterday, is aiming to charm the Yorkshire public with his skill this season

# Tendulkar here with title ambitions

BY IVO TENNANT

THE rain was stair-rodding down at the Oval yesterday when Sachin Tendulkar arrived from the humidity of Bombay, brimming with runs and tact. Appropriately decked out in dark blue, light blue and gold, he was soon talking of his fervent ambition to help win the county cricket championship for

Contrary to popular belief. Tendulkar is heir to a noble tradition. He may be the first non-Yorkshire-born cricketer Geoffrey Keighley (born of an old Yorkshire family in Nice) in 1950, and the first coloured man ever to do so, but it should not be forgotten that Lord Hawke gave a game to whom he pleased earlier this century. What is more,

Tendulkar knows his county. He has researched Yorkshire's 129-year history and is confident their supporters will accept him. "It is a long time since they did not welcome coloured players and I don't think there will be any problems. Times have

changed," he said. His view was supported by Sir Lawrence Byford, chair-man and president of the club. "I am absolutely confident he will get a warm wel-come. Apart from one incident involving a drunken yob, I have not seen any racial

ing the last two years.

"The signing will be good for the Yorkshire leagues but the worst thing we can do is to put a coloured player in the side who is not as good as his team-mates. But I think young Asians will start coming to Headingley and that he will do wonders for us on and off the field," Sir Lawrence

In an age when most counties are seeking fast bowlers — Yorkshire's original preference was Craig McDermott

— Tendulkar is an inspired choice for a club that has yet to draw on its significant Asian community. Yorkshire will do well to remember. though, that Tendulkar is only 19 years and four days old, frighteningly young for a made three Test centuries for

as a phenomenon. Tendulkar said he took two days to decide to join Yorkshire. Before signing his oneyear contract, he sought advice from Kapil Dev. Ravi Shastri and Sunil Gavaskar. who last year acclaimed

man than he was at the same age. "They told me: go for it."

He is clearly undaunted by his task. "I hope to get as many runs as possible and help us win the championship. Yorkshire will be the top team this year. It is a great honour for me to play for Yorkshire. It is a very big

Tendulkar, who will practice this morning, will bat this season at No. 4, starting with the Benson and Hedges Cup match against Kent tomor-row. His salary, around £30,000, will be effectively paid for by Yorkshire Tele-vision. "I will be kind to Asian spectators," he said, "but my main job will be to make runs. When Yorkshire are a good side, England are a good

Was he content to be com-

man and Gavaskar? He could recite their achievements in perfect English as well as in his native Marathi. "I am happy to be compared with them but not at this early stage," he said. "And I don't feel under any pressure to make runs."

He said it had been "a dream" to be asked to play county cricket, although he can hardly have anticipated that he would be asked to join Yorkshire.

Keighley, who had been earmarked as Norman tain, swiftly departed for a very different life, sheep farming in Western Australia. Yorkshire will be hoping Tendulkar stays a while longer.

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# Gascoigne ready for

By Dennis Signy and Louise Taylor

PAUL Gascoigne's prospects of passing a fitness test at the end of next month and then completing his E5.5 million transfer from Tottenham Hotspur to Lazio improved yesterday when he successfully came through a 65-minute private practice match.

The match at Tottenham's Mill Hill training ground

had been arranged for the benefit of a party of officials from Lazio, but although they missed seeing the latest evidence of Gascoigne's recovery, the exercise was considered a success by both

the player and his club. "I enjoyed the match," Gascoigne said."It was back

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the weather; everything feels perfect." Terry Venables, the Tottenham chief executive, added that he and Gascoigne, would meet representatives of Lazio today, when arrangements for his fitness test would be finalised.

Kenny Dalglish and Kevin Keegan were yesterday charged with misconduct by to my old Newcastle days with the Football Association for "improper" comments they allegedly directed to match officials in charge of recent Our commitment is to

second division matches. The managers of Blackburn Rovers and Newcastle United respectively have 14 days to request personal hearings, as does Terry McDermott, a third former Liverpool player and assistant manager at Newcastle United, who is also charged with

Relating to comments during Newcastle's recent match at Derby County and after Blackburn's with Wolverhampton Wandererers, the charges reflect not only the tension of the division's promotion and relegation issues but the FA's clampdown on verbal abuse against referees and linesmen.

There were indications yesterday that Malcolm Crosby may be confirmed as the manager of Sunderland before the FA Cup final next month. He is the club's caretaker manager.

Hendry reacts with style

breaks of 43 and 83 in the

fifth, won the next on the

brown and completed a four-

frame winning sequence for a

5-3 overnight advantage with

runs of 72, 54 and 68 in the

White began as inconsis-tently against Jim Wych as he

had done, almost with disas-

trous consequences, against Wych's fellow Canadian,

Alain Robidoux, in the previ-

STEPHEN Hendry and Jimmy White, the favourites to meet in the final, are treading strikingly similar paths through the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.

Hendry and White both negotiated the first round with the minimum of fuss and struggled through the second in the face of strong opposition. Yesterday, as their quarter-finals got underway, the championship's leading pair began to flow after decidedly unsteady

It was a considerable surprise, in the light of his edgy 13-10 win over Chris Small on Monday, when Dene O'Kane cleared the last red to pink in the first frame, and contributed further confident breaks of 68 and 114, to lead Hendry 3-1 at the mid-ses-Responding as he invari-

ably does when sensing danger. Hendry's reply was emphatic. He compiled

ous round. Wych, the world No. 57. fashioned a 33 clearance to level at 2-2 only for White to break free with four frames in succession to end the session 6-2 ahead. He, like Hendry, will be hoping to swiftly con-vert that into a semi-final

place today.

last two frames.

champion, recovered from a wretched start against Alan McManus to level at 4-4 while Terry Griffiths, winner of the title in 1979, established a 5-3 lead over Peter Ebdon, the first-round conqueror of Steve Davis.

John Parrott, the defending

McManus won the first three frames but Parrott constructed a clinching last red to pink clearance in the fourth. A break of 84 brought Parrott back to 3-3 before the closing two frames of an in-

triguing session were shared. Griffiths reserved his most effective form of the championship for the opening ex-changes yesterday. Assisted by breaks of 78, 49 and 74. the Welshman went 4-0 up against Ebdon.

Runs of 134 and 66 after the intermission provided Ebdon's response and although Griffiths regained a three-frame lead with a 60 break in the seventh, Ebdon won the next to remain within striking distance.

STILLING DISTANCE.

IMPLIATO CARTA-TAME I GATUMA
(Wales) leads P Ebbon (Eng) 5-3, Frame soones (Griffithm first): 69-46, 99-5, 68-50, 97-37, 1-124, 89-4, 55-7, 15-72. J Parrott (Eng) level with A Michleman (Soon), 4-4. Frames (Parrott first): 51-50, 0-129, 1-84, 82-43, 69-44, 89-21, 39-74, 39-22, 84-84, 89-21, 39-74, 39-32, 84-84, 81-84, 89-21, 39-74, 39-32, 84-84, 81-84, 89-21, 39-74, 39-32, 84-84, 81-84, 98-84, 89-84, 81-84, 98-84, 128-4, 70-37, 128-0, 81-34. J White (Eng) leads J Wych (Can), 6-2, Frames (Wifste trans): 0-71, 35-17, 90-46, 51-60, 79-2, 72-29, 113-4, 78-18.

# **Pockets showing** more resistance

KEEN observers of the world championship, both at the Crucible Theatre and on television, may have noticed more attempted pots are wobbling in the jaws of the pockets than in previous years (Phil Yates writes).

This is not mere imagina-tion for, after a decision by the game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) to achieve a uniform size and shape of pocket this season for all its events, the pockets have be-

come tighter.
Following last year's championship, in which 31 century breaks were compiled, there was concern in some quarters that the pocket openings were both inconsistent and, on some occasions, bordering on the over-generous.

Pete Godwin, the senior table fitter of BCE, which sup-plies the tables for all world ranking tournaments, was instructed to construct an ex-

four corner pockets were different. John Spencer, three times a world champion between 1969 and 1977, and Geoff Foulds, a WPBSA board member, tested the table and plumped for, according to Godwin, "the second

hardest cut of pocket". Godwin, who has worked as a table fitter for 20 years and in that capacity at the championship since 1982, said: "I recently reclothed the table used for the 1985 Irish Masters and I couldn't believe how easy the pockets looked compared with those we have today." Statistics from this year's

championship show the effects of the tightening process. Although Jimmy White made the pockets appear like buckets during his 147 break in the first round, it is one of only 12 century breaks compiled in the opening ten days of the championship. At the same stage last year 21 had

# Wimbledon's players promised a pay rise

BY ANDREW LONGMORE TUNNIS CORRESPONDENT

JUDGING by the prize-money for the 1992 Wimbledon championships, announced yesterday, the golden era of tennis shows little sign of los-

ing its sheen. This year, the men's champion will collect a cheque for £265,000 - £25.000 more than Michael Stich received last year - while the first prize for the women's singles is £240,000 compared to the £216,000 by which Steffi Graf augmented her bank balance last year.

Overall, the prize-money for the championships has risen by ten per cent to £4.416,820, which keeps Wimbledon ahead of the Australian Open, on a par with

the French and behind the United States Open in the financial league table.

The annual pleas by the Women's Tennis Association for equal prize-money have been ignored and probably will be, according to John Curry, the chairman of the All England Club, until there is strong evidence that their drawing power - for television ratings and spectators - matches that of the men.

A more legitimate complaint could come, from the winner of the Open Championship of golf at Muirfield this year, who might wonder if he chose the right game. In 1982, the Open champi-

on, Tom Watson, won

£32,000, the Wimbledon

champion, Jimmy Connors,

£41,667. Ten years on, the

Open champion will receive £95,000 — £170,000 less

vien's singles champion £2,000 £750 £7,000 £18,000 £117,000 £114,875 £293,464 £1,934,760 £126,000 £139,600 £2,119,780 £2,470,020 £148,500 £171,000 £207,000 £216,000 12,612,126 23,133,749 23,819,730 £4,010,970 Yet the pay rises have coin-

cided with a drop in the hour-

ly productivity rate and with a

growing debate about the

dominance of power in the

game. Figures released re-

cently by the ATP indicate

that, because of increased

time at change-overs and be-

tween points, and because

rallies are shorter, the aver-

age play time each hour of

than the Wimbledon champion.

With a super series of nine Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) events, each worth a total of £1 million in prize-money, scheduled for next year, and the four grand slams, the tennis goose just keeps on laying golden eggs.

dropped from seven minutes 18 seconds to three minutes 55 seconds. The slowness of the

matches is a bigger worry than the problem of power, Chris Gorringe, the chief executive of Wimbledon, said. Bringing the gap between points down by five seconds would have the biggest impact on the game."

But Wimbledon does not intend to do anything yet about slowing down the big servers. "We think there is a problem for all tennis, not just for grass," Curry said. "But we don't know the answer." With demand for tickets still outstripping capacity, and profits healthy, there is no real hurry to find one, either. Among other changes re-

vealed yesterday was a new roof for centre court - supported by four pillars instead of 26, which will give an extra 3,600 spectators an unre-

There was also confirmation that, in an effort 10 recreate a little of the atmosphere of the middle Sunday last year, 2,000 unreserved centre court tickets will be on sale on the middle Saturday at the reduced price of £20. Tickets for courts one and two will also be reduced.

Torrential rain flooded some outside courts yesterday and served as a timely reminder that, for the first time, ticket-holders can have a full refund if there is no play.

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# The infidel who brought his wife

The Gulf conflict showed the strong arm of the so-called weaker sex. Kate Muir discovers how women soldiers changed the army as much as it changed them

ntil a war occurred in a distant Middle East country in 1991, it was quite reasonable for the British public to assume the work of their women soldiers largely consisted of flower-arranging in the officers' mess and typing for portly generals. Our girls would no more take up guns than their counterparts in the Salvation Army. They were not dangerous. They were

That was how many of Britain's military leaders felt too. When the Gulf conflict blew up, only male troops were sent to the desert at first. The decision to keep female soldiers off the desert lines was partly because of Saudi Arabian tradition and partly because of oldfashioned Western male tradition. But as in all wars, the nurses going out tended to be female. Then the Royal Air Force took female airtraffic controllers and mechanics, and finally warships - which had just gone mixed a few months before — sailed for the disputed

There were already a few Sandhurst-trained women officers who had left with their largely all-male units, so it was, by then, pointless to try to stop the flow of ordinary female soldiers. Besides, if the ternale troops had not been with the units they had served for years in peacetime, the already-stretched allied forces would have been like a piece of bad knitting. A dropped stach here, a hole there, and eventually the lot would have started to unravel.

Pressure from the armed forces minister, Archie Hamilton, and from the Women's Royal Army Corps pushed the British forces into a unisex war. What was the point of were never given the chance to do

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The British sent about 1.000 women, making about 4 per cent of their force, and the Americans sent more than 33.000, making 6 per cent of theirs. Saddam Hussein told the Saudi Arabians they should be ashamed, for not only were they letting the Western

infidei fight their battles, but the infidel had brought his wife. How could a great nation bear to be defended by weak and feeble women? The weak and feeble turned out to be pretty useful. It was women who loaded ammunition and set

the computer co-ordinates on the Patriot anti-missile batteries which destroyed Saddam's Souds. It was women. alongside their male colleagues. who handcuffed Iraqi prisoners-ofwar as they ran in surrender from their tanks and foxholes. It was women — 11 of them — who came home as the men did in bodybags from Desen Shield and Desert Storm, despite the fact they were

not officially "in combat". Their performance in the Gulf war brought British and American women soldiers long-awaited respect. A few months' hard work in the desert did more for military women than years of public politicking and painstaking confidence-building. Plans on paper to keep female soldiers out of the combat zone were unworkable in a war of long-distance missiles rather than trenches. Out of necessity.

women flew aircraft and helicopters over the front line and went far forward into the battlefields. In short, they broke most of the rules and the sky did not fall in.

The camp of the headquarters company of The Royal Scots in Kuwait was close to the Iraq border. The battleground was all around, evidenced by razor-wired minefields, half-melted Russian tanks, shards of twisted metal and torn pieces of clothing. The camp was a large one, tall green tents each sleeping dozens of the 300 or so infantrymen. But in the centre of the camp, isolated in sand, there was one small tent. It was the women's tent. The woman was Lieutenant Wendy Smart, aged 25 and second in command of the company. She had not talked with someone of her own sex for three Unlike the other British enlisted

women, who were posted in small groups or all-female platoons. Lt Smart had no support and no choice but to go it alone. On G-Day, February 24, the day the ground war began, she was in charge of the lead vehicle in a convoy of food and water trucks which followed a few miles behind the front-line fighting troops and tanks into Iraq. They travelled through the breach in the enemy's defences in the dark, avoiding cluster bombs and anti-personnel mines littering the track, hearing the roar of battle a few miles ahead. watching the flash of explosives ripping across the black sky, feeling the vibrations through the ground "I had a grid point on the map where we were supposed to be and a compass, and if I got the distance and bearing wrong, we could have ended up on enemy lines. So it was

bnors in the sand.

She had been too anxious to sleep for more than one or two hours as harder. her convoy travelled almost nonstop for four days and nights. "I worried more about the boys than myself. I felt so responsible." The convoy followed the British

'The women's confidence was visible, as was their pleasure in looking tough and grubby'

> armoured divisions which intended to surprise the Iraqi troops by coming upon them from behind. Usually we were 30 kilometres behind, but sometimes it was five. and at one position they were still fighting so we went round them. I don't think they realised we were that close." Although women were banned from the front, Lt Smart like many others, found herself

right in the combat zone. In her small desert boots, with a red Arab scarf on top of her camouflage gear, short tousled hair, and wearing sunglasses. Li Smart just about reached the chest height of some of the men she commanded. In guts, she probably equalled them.

She could cope with the practical side of being the one woman among hundreds of men. she



Digging for victory: members of The Royal Corps of Transport make trenches around a camp near the Gulf port of Al-Jubail in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf war

showered by torchlight after the speaking and looked down at her men had finished and did not ask for a special time to be set aside for her. But the social side was much

The Jocks have a brilliant sense of humour, but they don't like women in the army and they make it difficult at times," she said. "It is

very lonely out here. The two warrant officers (commissioned from the ranks are in their forties and don't particularly want to talk to me and I can only talk to the boys so much, in my position. I can't

really talk to them as friends. A young private arrived with bottled water at the tent

and addressed her as "Ma'am". "It's nice for the boys to chat to a female. They can let go, be more honest. On the other hand, if I sit too long with one of them, that's it - I get accused of

having an affair." Frustration may be what makes competent and courageous Sandhurst graduates like Lt Smart eventually leave the army for a better-paid management job in civilian life. Although, in retrospect, she said she had enjoyed and got a lot out of her time with The Royal Scots, she was worried that future posts might not be so challenging.

After the Gulf she was sent back to her regiment in Germany, as second-in-command of a fire-support company. In 1992, she was specially selected to be the first troop commander of women at the Army Apprentice College in Harro-

British army - unlike the Americars — was until recently archaic. The British Women's Royal Army Corps had not got as migerians really dirty since its formation in 1949. (The second world war was a different matter.) The separate WRAC has now amalgamated with the mainstream army, but in 1991 it was in its death throes. Its revealingly unwarlike motto was "Gende in Manner, Resolute in

Many of the female soldiers sent to the desert were used to being groomed and coified, wearing white gloves and tight dress uniforms in their regular jobs chauffering brigadiers in Vauxhall Cavaliers. Now, armed with submachine guns, 50 dust-grimed women were driving essential supplies for The Royal Corps of Transport (RCT) in four-ton trucks, or petrol tankers, or JCB diggers somewhere in the roadless desert, without headlights in the blackout during Scud attacks. At one point, there were two deaths a day on the main supply route from the coast to the desert battlefields. The sides of the road were dotted with twisted, burnt-out vehicle wrecks. The fe-

accidents. The men did. Like her fellow truckers at the coastal Al-Jubail base, Private Katy Picken was in her early twenties, tanned and comfortable in desert camouflage trousers and big boots. She strutted around, as though she had worn clothes like that all her life. It was a few weeks after the end

male truckers who were part of 68

Squadron RCT had no serious

The position of women in the of the ground war and the women's trines, the constant stress of Scud time prescription was suggested increased confidence following their metamorphoses from chauftare itio trackers was visible as and grubby. Pie Picken said that when they arrived the male drivers thought they were "dollybirds" and were constantly dismissive of them. Later, they got more respect. Having tasted a real war, she would like to serve in Northern Ireland.

Corporal Elaine Dargie, a driver with the nearby 77 Squadron RCT. said at this stage in her career, she had done everything and the only thing that would keep her in the army was if they expanded the number of jobs open to women. right up to the front.

The women truckers' gains in confidence did not go unnoticed they changed the army just as much as the army changed them and the RCT is presently opening far more trades to women. Major Robert Luke of 77 Squadron. which had drivers of both sexes, said his fears that the women would be passengers were unfounded. With some lyricism, he continued. The sky is black with the wings of chickens coming home to roost on the corpses of sacred cows which have been slaughtered."

Maj Luke sat at a bench in the sun surrounded by his female driving team in a commandeered Saudi complex of concrete boxes which resembled a prison camp. At least it had showers. The rest of the women were in tents in the desert for up to eight months. Out there soldiers of either sex hated the dust storms, the stinking chemical la-

attacks, and the boiling not charcoal-lined chemical warfare suits that turned their skin black, Aluthe problem" - the forces' favourite euphemism for periods — went and the separate toilets and showers problem" also dissipated in the desert when creating a ladies meant no more than digging an extra hole in the sand and covering it with a lid. And when a shower was in fact a bucket with some holes

drilled in it, it was easy enough to create an additional one. But terror of the dirty word 'hygiene" knew no bounds. Most of the British women sent to the Gulf were encouraged by army medical advisers to go on the pill for six months without a break, so

they had no periods at all. The full-

pecause women mugni na lems with menstruation in their chemical suits. 4. Evilunois. Uthers thought that was unhealthy.

It was not just the contraceptive pill which was a worry, but its combination with the other antichemical warfare drugs given to Continued on page 5

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Elecution and elections

# Too late, too late, so never call me mother

n old friend of mine, who A five years ago migrated to the country with her hushand to propagate children and rear a garden, recently sent me a card which I didn't know quite how ان الله "Wishing you all good luck", she wrote, "on your chosen path." I sat looking at it with my fingers in my mouth. What did she mean, exactly, by this notion of the chosen path is assumed she meant it kindly, but it made me feel suddenly exposed and distant. Hey, where did everybody go. Supposing that she imagined herself on a path radically divergent from mine. instantly pictured myself labouring alone up a narrow, steep, dusty. brambly trail with a determined look on my face, as though illusurating a modern day parable about

the grim sacrifices of terminism. So vivid was this picture, in fact, that I could feel the stinging nettles brushing against my legs. It was awful. I felt thirsty, my head swam: the sun scorened my snoulders. Looking down. I observed my friend ambling happily in the sunshine on a broad level path with a peam and husband, while small apple-checked children run off to right and left, frolicking with buger, but a bloke called Bunyan

Said I was straying on his territory. So luckily that was that.

But I was definitely confused by the notion of the chosen path, and dwelt on it for days. Did I choose this, then? And if so, why couldn't I remember doing it? Hadn't I always thought, rather naively, that there was still time to make these decisions about wife-and-motherhood in the future - that the crossroads were just over the horizon? But it turns out that the last exit was miles back, and I am a person whose chosen path speaks for itself. The hardest part was realising I can never be a teenage

tennis phenomenon. How on earth

did I let things drift so badly? For some reason I thought of the careers mistress at school - perhaps because she represents the single point in my life when I recognised a T-junction and made a definite choice. She wanted us all to be nurses, you see: and I refused. Brainy sixth-formers would queue at the careers office with fancy ideas about Oxford and Cambridge and archaeology, and come out again 15 seconds later, waving nursing application forms and looking baifled. "You have to have A-levels to be a nurse now, you know, Miss Hom-Toig!" she would bark after them, twitching. And then, turning to the next in line, "Now, my dear, SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss finds herself diverted

down a nettly path



which branch of the noble profession do you want to join?"

At my age, women are supposed to hear the loud ticking of a biological clock, but I think I must have bought the wrong battery for mine. The only time I experienced the classic symptoms was when I desperately wanted a car. It was weird. If I spotted another woman driving a Peugeot 205, I would burst into tears. In the end, friends

tactfully stopped mentioning their cars in my presence ("My Volvo did such a funny thing the other day oh Lynne, how awful, I didn't see you"]. And there was that one shameful occasion when I lurked outside a supermarket half-considering snatching a Metro. "What a lovely bonnet you've got." I whispered, fingering it lightly. But then a woman shouted "Oi!", so I picked

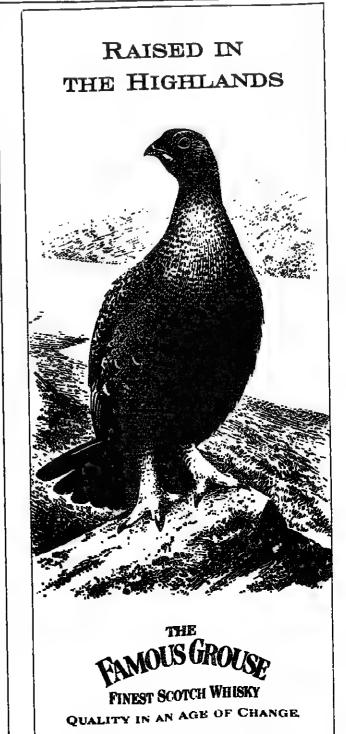
up my string bag and scarpered.
Now I realise that what I want is a book. So much do I want to give birth to a book that I experience 'false alarms" - where I think I am "with book", but am not really. Once a month I phone up my agent and say "It's happening!" And she says, "How marvellous!" And then I have to ring again a week later and say "Bad news," and she says, "Never mind, conception is a mysterious thing." I suddenly realise that a book would be a comfort in my old age, and I try to ignore the argument that there are already too many books in the world competing for the available shelfspace. Mine. of course, will be a poor fatherless mite, but I shall love

it all the more for that. Perhaps the image of the paths and crossroads is just the wrong one. Perhaps I did always know where I wanted to go, but just walked backwards with my eyes

closed, pretending there was no act of will involved. Because I do recall from early youth that while other children pleaded with their mums for miniature bridal outfits and little dolls that went wee-wees, I was campaigning for a brick-built Wendy House in the garden where I could lock the door and sit at an enormous typewriter. My only imaginary friends were phantom insurance collectors, a man from

Porlock and the printer's boy. My idea of a Wendy House was a rather grandiose one, I suppose. It involved guttering and utilities and a mantelpiece where I could put the rent money, not to mention trouble with the drains. I remember when a little friend told me she had acquired a Wendy House, and I was wild with envy. But when I went to see it, it was just a canvas job with painted-on windows. Fancy telling a gullible kid that this was a Wendy House. Sometimes I wonder what happened when she eventually uncovered the deception. Probably she married some-body with a big house and had lots of kids in double-quick time, to establish a sense of security. In which case, I wish her all good luck on her chosen path.

TOMORROW Private Life: John Diamond



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ELSAN BIATHFLACE AFFEAL.

CONCERT: The BBC Philharmonic
Orchestra conducted by Donald Hunt
will perform three of Elgar's most
popular works written between 1897
and 1919, the Imperial March, the
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Concerto in E minor for Cello and
Orchestra with cellist Robert Cohen
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Worcester (0905 23555), tonight Worcester (0905 23555), tanigh

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Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938
8361). Mon-Sat 10am-S.30pm, Sun,
midday-5.30pm, until June 7.

LIVING WOODs. The "living wood" in question comes in the form of sculpture from South India, produced by a living tradrion and all of it quite recent, however, except the design; the however ancient the design: the original works have rotted away, and little survives from earlier than the 18th inthe survives from earlier than the 18th century Moreover, the 5 a folk tradition, often coarsely carved and garshly coloured, and therefore long considered unworthy of senious attention in the West. Now that audiences have been primed with shows like the celebration of Mexican Death Day at the Museum of Manland, attitudes are very different. attitudes are very different. Whitechapel Art Gallery. Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (071-377 0107), Tues-Sun, 11am-Spm (Wed to Som), until May 31

☐ BACK UP THE HEARSE AND LET THEM SMIFT THE FLOWURS: The art of the salesman. William Gammaa's camedy ports out the tricks but simplifies deeper Issues.

smptres deeper issues. Hampsteed, Swiss Cottage Centre, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

THE REST IN SERTIE HOWARD BRENTON'S

sharp though muddled critique of the new Europe where a social worker, a trusting wife and a soy have lost their bearings. With Penny Downie, Dianu Rigg and Nicholas Woodeson. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, Spm, met Sat, Apm. 135mms.

☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An impression

of the Harlem nightspot; high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwrych, The Aldwrych, WC2 (071-836 6404), Non-Fn, 7 30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Weed, 2 30pm, Set, 4pm.

CEATH AND THE MANDER'S TWO
new cast members, Geraldine larms and
Paul Preeman, join Michael Byrne in the
superin play on the longing for revenge,
Dute of York's, St Martin's Larte,
MAC 2021 BOS ESTITUTES.

WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 120mms.

III AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEKER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a frustrated woman married to a soccer mu. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5073), Aton-Turs, 8 pm, Frl, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm, 130mins.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: With

NEW RELEASES

BROADWAY BOUND (PG): Not

Smon's after ago, Eugene, fakes the Promiss, but thin dinema. Director, Paul Bogart. Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

THE HAND THAT KOCKS THE

De Montay) wreaks revenge on a squeeky-clean family, formula thrifler with robust acting. Annabella Sciorre;

director, Curtis Henson. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelma (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

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MARCED LUNCH (18). A firm like no other, sinffully carved from William Burroughs's novel by director David Cronenberg Peter Weller as the writerhero in a drug-induced Tangier of the mind With Judy Davis, Ian Holm.
Camiden Plaza (071-485 2443) Gethe (071-274043) MGM Shaffesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520)

REBECCA'S DAUGHTERS (12)

mas script about equipoce and

rebellon in 19th century wales. With Peter O'Toole, director, Karl Francis. Odeon Haymarket (0428 915353).

RICOCHET (18) Escaped prisoner

John Lithgow artempts to ruin assistant D.A. Denzel Washington, Cruel, ercessive thiller that makes *Cape Fear* look like Wild Strawbernes, Director,

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LE (15); Psychotic manny (Rebecca

and styles version of Macheth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with States songs. Boulevired, Walfer's Court, off Peter Street, W1 (071-437 2661 after 2pm). Mon-Sat, 8, 15pm, mats Pri, Sat, 6pm. Street.

# THEATRE GUIDE

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Some seats available
Seats at all prices

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts

compiled by Karl Knight

Malirovich returns to the London stage in Chicago's Stepperwolf Theatre

duction of a new Dusty

A SUF OF THE TOWISUE JOHN

Company production of a new D Hughes play set in an unnamed

Hughes play set in an unnamed European country. Malirovich plays evided dissident writer Dominic Tantra, and the story follows his relationship with four female university students played by french actress Clotifide Courau, 1129 Natimetry, American Kara Zediker and Lithuanian Ingeborga Deplumatie Shaftesbury Theastra, Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Theastra, Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Theastra, Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Theastra, Shaftesbury

Shaftesbury Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (071-379 5399).

tonight, tomorrow 8pm, Fri 6pm and 9pm, Sat 4 30pm and 8.30pm.

GUILDHALL STRING ENSEMBLE: UK

premiere of John Woolrich's Si ve facendo notre for Clarinet and Strings

which was first performed in Salzburg at a festival of contemporary music to mark the end of Mozart's bucemennial year. The programme also includes

year. The programme also includes Mozart's Piano Concertos No 12 and 13

String Sonato in C and Tchalkovsky's Serenade for Strings in C Barbican, SA Stroet, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tonight 7 45pm.

VIVALDIMENTOLISSCENE: The London Soloists Chamber Orchestra continues its Vivaloi Plus series of concerts conducted by David Josefawitz. The programme includes Mendelsoohn's Violin Concerts in D. and Seminlond No. 9 for strongs with

phony No 9 for strings with lars. Concerno Alle Russica for

with soloist Peter Donohoe, Ro

Maybourn, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 44011 Mon-Thurs, Spm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm, 8.30pm, 150mins.

HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trever Nunn's splendrd Cast in George England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 225mins.

MOSY DICK: A girls' school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. plays a headmostress playing Captain Ahab. Beached muscal. Plecadilly, Denman Street, W1 (07)-857 1118). Mon-Sat, Sprin, mats Tues, Sat, April, 135 mins.

I THE POCKET DREAMS FOOTH Committee of A Andromer Right's Dream, with Mike McShane and Sandi Toising, Dedicated fams only. Albery, St. Marcin's Lane, WC2 (071-867) 1113). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sec, Sun, 3pm, 135mers. THE POPE AND THE WITCH

Drugs, death and dementia in the Vatican: Dario Ro's Iranitic comedy falls as flat as a pizza. Connedy, Partion Street, SW1 (071-967 1045). Mon-Sit, Spm., mass Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mns.

CINEMA GUIDE

TIME WILL TELL (15): Documentary about reggae iring Bob Marley's life, music and beliefs, featuring 22 songs, plus rehearsal and interview footage.

UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (15).

UNTIL THE BIND OF THE WOMEL (12). WIN Windows's ambitious, hugely flawed, globe-trotong blend of road move, romance and science-faction, With Solvey Dommann, William Hurt, Lumilare (071-836 0691).

◆ CAPE PEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro Istronses Nick Note and family Martin Scorsese's ferocous remake of a classic revenge thriller. With Jessica Lange, Julente Lewis. Empire (071-497-9999) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleys (071-792 33321.

DECENVED (15): Goldle Hawn as the wife who doubts her husband's identify. Psychological thriller, weak on story, but strong on amosphers. Stars John Heard, director, Damien Harris, Odeonis: Kernsington (0426 914666). Mezzamine (0426 915687) Whiteleys: 071-793 13321

THE DOCTOR (12), Callous surgeon MVIKam Hurd goes under the kinde and becomes a better person, Familiar material, but kindy treatment, Director, Randa Harnes

Director, Declan Lowney Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

E) GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical calebrating Fifties and Stokes pop classes: Great stuff, Nicholas Hytrier's good-natured production, rather too good to be true to the play's darker content.

strongs and three concerti from L'Estro Armonico. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight 8pm.

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous, with bizarre and in parts deafening, this show never falls to affract audiences. Richard O'Brien's production, which had an extended num

production, which had an entended run in the West End last year fnow directed by Christopher Malcolm), continues a nationwide tour. The cast includes Peter Blake, Barry Howard, Zabe Burrow and Penelope McGhie.

Theatre Royal, Hanley (0782 266301) tonight Spin, tomorrow - Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626) May 5-9. Seismdean Grand Theatre. Swansea (0792 475715) May 12-16. Hippodrome, Emmigham (021 622 7486) May 19-23. Deringste, Northampton (0604 24811) May 26-30.

SHAKER: One woman play about the life and times of Mother Ann Lee, founder of the 18th century Shaker movement. Presented by Touchstone Theatre Company, written by Nicholas Michemy and performed by Alison

Edge: ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 0493), tonight until May 9, 8pm.

THE FIERY ANGEL: David Freeman's THE FIERY ANGEL David Freeman's spectacular production of Probofley's bleak melodrama, in which the germasts of the Manyresky Acrobatic Troupe provide a constant, writhing accompariment to the action, will not be to all testies, but Edward Downes and an outstanding cast carry the evening Sergei Lefferkus pings Ruprecht and Galina Gorchakows sings Renata.

National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonicht, 7,15cm

☐ REFLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very funny as the victim of a play by his brother. Stephen Moore, after this good start Ronald Harwood's new content cetes out.

comedy peters out. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Fn, Spra, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

Nicholas Lyndhurst, Nei Daglish and Carmel McSharry in Bleatile cornecty about a doting mother's worries, notably her 94 you. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WCZ (071-867 1316), Mon-Sat, Born, mats Wed, 3pm, 93, 5pm, 130mins.

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KIKUCHI: Days in the barren life of a laundry attendam. Quietly hilanous marmalist exercise from Japanese comic-stop illustrator Kenji Iwamoto. ICA (071-930 3647).

Gus Van Sant's quirty portrait of two drifters searching for a home: striking and aggravating by turns. With Ruer Process, Kearu Reeves. MGM Futhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM Futhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM Proceedings (071-37361) MGM Proceedings (071-336 43279379 7025) MGM Trocadero (071-344 0031) Nottling HB Coronet (071-727 6705).

SALAMONBERRIES (72): Half-Eslamo founding and an East Berlin escapee an thrust together in an Arctic community. Arch Petry Adlan drama with a few fringe benefits Stars & d. Jang. Metro (071-437 0757).

STOP1 OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT (PGI: Pestening murn Estelle Getry comes to visit bachelor-cop son Sylvester Stallone. Threadbare convedy for the

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STRANGHT AND MARROWS

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app: "ch remains faultless. "Feels Like Forever", a busy but undistinguished ballad by Bryan Adams and Diane Warren, recently gave Cocker his biggest British hit since 1969, and his new album Night Calls is packed with more of the same. Recreated live before one of three packed houses at the Town

Anthems from a bruised survivor

**ROCK REVIEW** 

Eighties. Joe Cocker found himself the recipient of his host's clumsy hyperbo-le. "He's been to hell and back, ladies and gentlemen. And tonight he's here with us..." Happily, the man once hailed as the finest white blues singer of his generation has triumphed not only over his own private demons, but also over such voyeuristic interest. Cocker is a bigger star than at any time

in the past 20 years. The Svengali behind his career rehabilitation is Roger Davies, the Australian manager who helped steer. Tina Turner back into the big time, and who has recently brought the excellent Tony Joe White back into public view. Davies seems to have an instinctive feel for remarketing bruised survivors. In Cocker's case, this has involved bringing to his music the kind of relentlessly upheat, anthemic gloss that makes every song sound like a potential film theme.

APPEARING on television in the mid-

Whatever creative reservations one nurses, the commercial logic to this

Joe Cocker Town and Country

and Country, these tracks bludgeoned sceptics into submission. "Love is Alive", for example, was propelled by a pile-driver beat, while "Unchain my Heart" and "Now that the Magic has Gone" were awash with heavy guitars and slashy saxophone breaks.

Cocker's glorious voice is, of course, the saving grace and it comes into a class of its own on ballads such as "Many Rivers to Cross", "Up Where We Belong", or his two trademark numbers, "You are so Beautiful" and With a Little Help from my Friends" The latter, though almost absurdly overblown, is the perfect vehicle for his pugilistic approach and retains a power to engage the emotions in a way that escapes his newer, more calculated

Like others among his peer group of blues-influenced rockers, Cocker has weathered the turbulences of youth to re-emerge as both popular hero and a performer of great power and mature persuasion. Market forces should not be allowed to push him in the direction of material unworthy of his talents.

ALAN JACKSON



Joe Cocker on stage: his glorious voice is his saving grace

### THEATRE REVIEWS

# Recycled Ayckbourn better than new Godber

AS WELL as writing 44 full-length plays and numerous shorter pieces. Alan Ayckbourn has collaborated on 10 or 11 (the tallies differ) musical shows, of which the best known is still Jeeus some 15 years back, with Andrew Lloyd Webber doing the tunes. This was a commercial failure, a rare event in their careers.

Ayckbourn's regular musical collaborator is now Paul Todd, who has provided the scores for 19 West End shows, most of them written or directed by Ayckbourn. But I have to admit that the only one I recall for its musical content is Henceforward.

Since not all the shows Avckbourn creates for his Scarborough theatre are intended for a wider audience, he and Todd have decided to recycle a number of their songs in a new setting. If we take Gilbert and Sullivan as an example, we can see that there might not be much internal connection between the songs from lolanthe and The Mikado, but if a group of peers with something Japanese the combination might have worked. This is the neat solution offered in Between the

Todd's book tells of two singers (Janie Dee and Simon Green) succumbing to each other's charms while rehearsing a show in which the book tells of two lovers drifting apart. The composer (Stefan Bednarcsyk) sits at the piano, trying to calm their initial pervishness and apologising for the

Between the Lines Etcetera, Camden Town

unseen lynicist's tardiness with the "book" that is making the running order uncertain and ties the emotional thread in loops.

The spoken dialogue and scenes with crass members of the local Press prevent the evening from becoming a mere compilation, though it is impossible to keep from guessing at the original setting for individual songs. Several must have come from a musical set in an office: Dee and Green sing of a romance expressed through a photocopier, and Dee has an artful ballad for a secretary whose typing errors impose altered line-endings "mistokes" must rhyme with "blokes". Lapses of toaste", with "most".

The majority of the songs tell a story: in an auditorium only four rows deep every word can be heard, though forte of his opening song. He and Dee defity convey irony when required, also the mixture of alarm and hope in the facial twitches of teenagers approaching their first romance. Dee, whose cute smile is infectious, looks charming perched very upright on the piano, and Vivienne Cozens's direction smoothes nearly all the joins in a likeable jigsaw of a show.

AFTER the unbelievable cosiness of Happy Families last year (a piece which was obediently performed by 50 amateur companies up and down the land and thereby entered the Guinness Book of Records), the title of John Godber's latest play does not inspire much confidence beforehand. When I saw it billed as the story of an ordinary couple who win a weekend abroad, suffering sea-sickness on their journey to culture-shock, a parade of stock responses to familiar hazards seemed

all too likely. Godber gives us these with a generous hand, but he does also sprinkle unexpected touches and more than a hint of pain festering in the marriage of dour, unemployed Al (played by himself) and Jane Clifford's rather brighter Bet. He is still too ready to take away the taste of harsh reality with a quick spoonful of sugar, but the verbal sparring of his nervously adventurous pair generates genuinely funny

In the first scene they are blokering at home, presumably in Hull, inhabiting a featureless white room designed by Rob Jones to suggest, I take it, an existence bereft of stimuli. Out of work for four months. Al spends all day in

his shed, painting grey landscapes. Bet has a job. but her dreams of excitement are reduced to winning a prize in newspaper competitions. You've never won owt," Al growis: when she is chosen for the trip to Paris, JEREMY KINGSTON his unenthusiastic comment is: "Who

April in Paris Spring Street, Hull

you going to go with?" Godber, who also directs, makes Al a slobbishly awful mate, whose reluctance to do anything out of the ordinary (painting apart) makes it easy to understand his wife's murderous fantasies.

For the scene on the ferry, a scarlet life-belt is hung on the wall, a prelude to the explosion of colour that greek the travellers on arrival in Paris, where Jones, inspired by Toulouse Lautrec. covers floor and walls with jolly boulevardiers. Here Al and Bet are improbably naive in a restaurant before discovering art at the Louvre and thoughts about humanity in Notre Dame.

These last scenes are the work of Godber the teacher and Godber the preacher: admirable in purpose, but holeked into the story with little preparation. Travel broadens the mind, true enough, but here it splits their simple skulls wide open.

The difficulty I have we Godber's plays since Bouncers is that the optimism is unearned. Al turns overnight into Raoul Dufy, a trip to Mexico beckons.

And all because of what? Ten minutes in front of the Atona Lisa and a night in Pigalle? Come off it.

### AS A Mahler conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas's strengths grow with each symphony he tackles. The Ninth, on Sunday, expanded with cumulative authority as its themes were felt, not just heard, to interpenetrate each other. and to be varied and transformed as they did.

Clearly, for Tilson Thomas, Mahler is a primarily physical composer. The musicology, of course, lies resolutely behind the interpretation, and the metaphysics follow in its wake. The score the conductor uses may be tiny.

but the gestures are large.

Both he and the London Symphony Orchestra seem to work out, from the ebb and the flow, the mighty rolling and the tugging undertow of the

CONCERT REVIEW

symphony's busile LSO/Tilson Thomas with time. Barbican The first move-

STRAIGHT

ment, a true Andante comodo, epitomised this. It also revealed Tilson Thomas's skill in defining this relationship with space and time in the use of shifting instrumental textures. He rarely observes them in order merely to personify or to make an obvious dramatic point. Rather, the distinctive instrudo-Burleske. As his body contracted, so

Memorable Mahler mental voices function almost as qualities of contrasted

> movement Because of the interpretative richness of the opening movement, the Ländler travesty which follows seemed a little pale and generalised. Neither conductor nor orchestra seemed truly convinced. Tilson Thomas's players were out, will be difficult to forget. stretched further, though, in the Ron-

the bow hardened on the string. rhythmic units were compressed and woodwind tone became all but acrid. The finale, Mahler's last, was Tilson Thomas's greatest achievement. There was a sobriety and a firmness of line

running through the great chorale-like theme: its impact was never compromised by the expressive short-cut of tooheavy vibrato. As the Burleske's matter was metamorphosed and mended. Tilson Tho-

mas led it towards even greater etherealisation, as if matter itself were falling away. The single ascending scale on the viola, at the start of the long fade-

HILARY FINCH

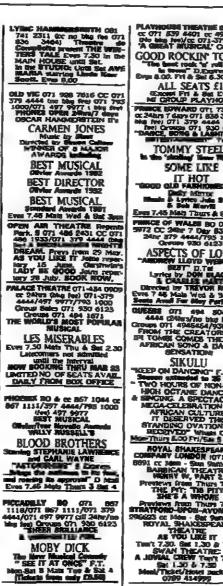
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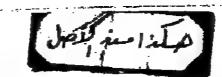
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# Make for Hay while the sun shines

LITERATURE

The summer circuit of literary festivals begins this week. Nicolette Jones analyses the enduring appeal of public celebrations of the solitary craft of writing

he literary festival season is here. Written-word groupies mer chasing faces familiar from jacket photographs around the country. The festivals listed below (and the list is not comprehensive) represent a phenomenal amount of organisational effort, much of it voluntary. But what exactly

Festivals of performance and visual arts have a certain logic drama, dance and music has to be performed, after all; films and exhibitions have to be viewed. But literary festivals are an odd idea. Books reach an audience without auditoria. Both writing and reading are impressive on the page is no guarantee of being the same on a platform. Imagine Emily Dickinson or J.D. Salinger addressing a full house.

As novelist Graham Swift lappearing this year at Brighton. Hay and Cheltenham, puts it: "It's all a long way from the business of writing. which is done in a mysterious and rather private way. Sometimes there is an assumption that writers should be on call to have views and opinions and make statements. But one of my reasons for writing fiction is that it's a way of dualing with the world that avoids making statements and having opinions.

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On the other hand, says Swift, "there is no harm in meeting the public, on whom your livelihood and whole occupation depends. And they have a strange fascination with what authors look like

and how they speak." Some authors, of course, relish the chance to perform. John Mortimer, who will talk at Hay about his research for a forthcoming anthology of villains, says that "doing a turn" compensates for the "withdrawal symptoms" of no longer being a barrister. And for a significant part of the workthe rap poet Benjamin Zenhaniah, for instance, who was once nominated for the Ox-

probably better appreciated in performance than in print. This year his will be one of the tew literary interludes at Bath. For writers, the pleasure of the festival can be the same as for members of the public it gives them a chance to meet writers. London's ICA festival is built around bringing together authors who wanted to meet each other. Its organiser, Linda Brandon (the driving force behind bringing Dorfman's Death and the Maiden to Britain) has tried to break away from simply fol-lowing publishers' promotion-

'Being impressive on the page is no guarantee of being the same on a platform'

al schedules and responded to writers' own enthusiasms in her programming. Brandon is assembling many writers "from countries where the role of the writer is a matter of life and death". She believes this will help to break down Brit-ain's intellectual insularity.

The context of a festival can not only open cultural doors but can coax those closer to home who are not renowned publicity seekers into the lime-light. At Hay, for example, Doris Lessing will read this year. Or it may offer new perspectives: Hay's imaginative invitation to an actress will bring Billie Whitelaw to talk about her collaboration over

the years with Samuel Beckett. Although festivals help to sell books, few people — even among sponsors, organisers and publishers - regard them as primarily commercial ventures. Most are funded in part by local authorities and arts, councils. They do not make profits: at best they break even. Sponsors contribute for the sake of publicity and image;

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ing the ICA festival, are pleased to be associated with quality literature.

Organisers express a desire enrich local life. Peter Florence, the young actor who has run the Hay festival unpaid for five years, says he was inspired to establish a festival because he had performed in festivals elsewhere and thought it would be fun. He

and power struggles. At Hay-on-Wye, the efforts of Florence and his family met with accubookseller and self-styled "king of Hay", Richard Booth. Sheffield's Book Festival of 1989 met with objections that not enough was done for the there are workshops and com-

● A selection of this sum-mer's literary festivals: The season begins this Friday with Brighton's International Festival (0273 674357), which runs until May 24. Besides theatre, music, dance and visual arts events, it has a rich literature programme of readings, workshops and dis-cussions. Attending luminaries range from Booker prizewinner Ben Okri to crime novelist P.D. James.

On May 6 an ambitious festival of encounters between writers, "News from the Writwriters, "News from the Writ-ten World", begins at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in The Mall, London

carries on because it is, All this altruism and worthiness, however, does not put festivals above controversies sations of exclusivity from a neighbour: the second-hand local community: this year

munity-based activities.

And there are even some guardians of literature who murmur at Jeffrey Archer's inclusion in this year's Hayon-Wye programme; they may find some satisfaction in the fact that only half as many tickets have so far been sold for his appearance as for the more highbrow attractions of Martin Amis, historian Simon Schama and Israeli novelist Amos Oz. But then, stimulating debate and disagreement is perhaps the most important function of the literary festival.

> SW1 (071-930 0493), and runs until November. At Hayon-Wye on the Welsh borders, the second-hand book capital of Britain, the rural quiet will again be disrupted by the buzz of the Sunday Times Festival of Literature (04978 21299).

but it also has the odd reading and a literary dinner. And in Nottingham the International Crime and Mystery Festival at the Broadway Media Centre (0602 410053), although primarily a film festival, includes a weekend dedicated to crime writers (May 29-31).

sedate readings of contemporary fiction could make for

Rochester, on the Medway in Kent, which claims to be the setting for Great Expectations. The Dickens Festival (0634 843666) which runs there from May 28 to 31 includes a beauty contest of men in Victorian swimming costumes: Dickens enthusiasis immediately how this is connected with the author. Or you

for the Robert Burns and Ayrshire Arts Festival (0292 43700, from May 30 to June 7) and revel in the local hagiography of the Burns Rite and an enactment of In of Tam O'Shanter.

Later. Yorkshire comes into (0943 608505, June 11-14) and Sheffield (0742 734716. Observer Festival happens at Dartington Hall in Devon (0803 866051, August 24-31). Then things go quiet until October, which sees Cardiff (0222 492025, October 3-10) Ilkley Part Two (October 8-11) and lastly the retientam (0242 521621, from October 10to October 18).



Literary birds of passage, who are either present or represented on the festival circuit this year, clockwise from top left: Charles Dickens, Robert Burns, Doris Lessing, Martin Amis, John Mortimer, Billie Whitelaw and P.D. James

THEATRE: INTERVIEW

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mostly for the performing arts,

primarily British plays."

# Waiting to put on the write stuff Olivier Award-winning director Stephen

Daldry, newly ensconced at the Royal

A pril 1, 1992 was no laughing matter at the Royal Court Theatre, since it marked the arrival of Stephen Daldry as the playhouse's artistic director designate and eventual successor to the top job next year. Daldry's appointment cheered some and bewildered others when it was announced in November.

What was someone best known in London for staging bygone German and Spanish esoterica doing taking over the country's leading theatre for new writing? And why had he insisted on retaining the present artistic director. Max Stafford-Clark, in a primary and then subsidiary capacity. for a further three years, when the whole point of Daldry's appointment was presumably the board's desire for change? Daldry describes his task as

one of "re-locating" his theatrical perceptions after a successful tenure running west London's Gate Theatre. On Sunday the Gate received an Olivier Award, a fitting recognition of Daldry's achievement. That post allowed Daldry to unleash an epic directorial vision on virtually unknown foreign items. "I had spent a lot of time reading and feeling other cultures in my head," he says. "So I wanted to re-define myself in

Court, outlines his plans to Matt Wolf this is his." But already the terms of being British. The newcomer's influence can be best way to do that was obviously to come back to felt Next week's Theatre Upstairs premiere of German dramatist Klaus Pohl's Karate What clinched his acceptance of the Royal Court job Billy Comes Home was originally intended for the Gate, was the space itself, which must have seemed like theatriuntil Daldry's new position allowed him to shift venues. cal balm after several years

He was also instrumental in

shoe-horning large produc-tions into the 60-seat Gate. the Court snatching up John Guare's New York hit, Six "There are a number of direc-Degrees of Separation, after tors that have enjoyed working in small spaces; I'm not one of the National turned it down. them," he says. "I've tried It was he, too, who paired never to allow that to stop me Guare's vision of transcendence, Manhattan-style, with doing big plays, or indeed, to director Phyllida Lloyd, who is have big gestures within them. both a colleague and a friend. but I do lean naturally towards Adamant that he needs to big spaces."
The Court, he says purposesteep himself more in current writing before he will feel fully, is "the perfect theatre, comfortable pronouncing on one of the few in which you it, Daldry nevertheless sees can create a vision. It doesn't Guare's play as evidence of "a need the broad spectrum that

new romanticism". Daldry, 31 next month, regional theatre needs. That comes naturally by his theatrical interests: his mother, he means it can support writers in says with affectionate grandeur, was "a cabaret artiste". Dorset-born, he joined a youth theatre in Taunton. He read English and Drama at Shef-

field, in close proximity to such Court writers as Brenton, Sarah Daniels and Louise Page. and later developed his avidity for European theatre as an associate to then-artistic director Clare Venables at the same

city's Crucible Theatre.
You find writers with whom you feel at home, and those are who you do," says Daldry, whose next directing task is likely to be mounting J.B. Priestley's An Inspector Calls at the National this autumn. "I made a decision when I went to the Gate only to do the work I really wanted to do. It's a service industry, directing: one is servicing the writer. It's about whatever charges you when you read it: that's all it is."

Signs of youth

**ARTS BRIEF** 

biased towards the wrinklies, the organisers of the Burton Ale British Jazz Awards have given more prominence than usual this year to young musicians. Saxophonist Dave O'Higgins and the quartet led by planist Julian Joseph were the winners in two newly created categories: young soloist and young ensemble. Most of the other poll results announced in Birmingham reflected a preference for mainstream veterans such as Humphrey Lytteiton and his Band (best small group). Stan Tracey (best pianist) and John

Dankworth (best compo-

ser/arranger). But there was at

STUNG by jibes that they are

least welcome recognition for the Scottish singer Carol Kidd. voted best vocalist. A posthumous award went to the broadcaster and critic Peter Clayton, who died last year, for services to British jazz.

Last chance . . . YOUNGER than Happy Mondays, snappier than Inspiral Carpets and considerably more visible than the Stone Roses, EMF is the latest in a succession of bands who have welded the trappings of rap and dance culture on to a rock group chassis. With an EP, "The Unexplained", entering the chart this week at No 18, the band finishes a tour with dates at the Astoria, London WC2 (071-434 0403) tonight, UEA, Norwich (0003 505401) on Friday; and Cov-Polytechnic (0203 entry Polytechnic 631313) on Saturday.



Sloane Square view: Stephen Daldry at the Royal Court

# **TELEVISION REVIEW**

### sisters. Hanefi Yeter remembers his Turkish childhood as a "fairytale" time among the bare mountains and weaving looms of Bayburt. The idyll continued in Istanbul, where he found himself drawn to the art academy and then in love

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lowed her to trans-But once Yeter began studying are in earnest at the Bertin Academy the conflict began. Should he follow German painters, or stay close to the traditions of his name land? According to Yeter, in an absorbing Rear Window profile aptly called Looking Both Ways (Channel 4), he chose the furtish pain. The paint-

with an Armenian girl, fol-

ings we saw, mough, showed an artist form between cultures. The bearded quiet-spoken Yeter has been laune in Berlin for 18 years now the pointed outhow the Turkish manufacture tradition encouraged him to

**Culture and class clashes** concentrate on surface rather than depth, and to develop his compositions vertically. The

camera travelled up a painting alive with festive food and flowers on a table top, proving the stylistic point. But at the top, a row of dark, soowling faces excluded from the feast belonged to a different order of feeling. They declared Yeter's aw-

areness of the socially protesting an of George Grosz. A diprych of car passengers confirmed his debt to the Weimar republic's most rasping chronider. In one painting, Turks sal, journeying anxiously, in the other, a smug, tigar-smoking German relished the comfort of a Mercedes while his bored wife sat beside him.

Yeter revealed that the diptych had provoked anger among people who asked why he portrayed Germans as ugly. The answer is that his Berlin sojourn made him painfully aware of the alienation and prejudice suffered by Turkish workers in Germany.

Although the exterior world and political issues dominated his work until the mid-Eighties, he complained that subsequent paintings "turned inwards" to subjects which "I liked". But the obsessive series of belly-dancer images, dramatising the tension between their gyrating bodies and the sexual hunger of the audience, seemed just as protesting as For a while, the city's unifi-

cation inspired Yeter to fill his paintings with glowing celebrations of fireworks and ecstatic crowds. More convincing are the ominous recent pictures, generated by his fear of nationalistic, flag-waving Germans on the march with foreigners as their potential

the National needs; it doesn't

need the mixed bag that

a way other theatres can't."

In terms of dividing the spoils with Stafford-Clark.

Daldry maintains: "It's diffi-

cult to say 'that's mine, and

Any parent worried about their children's state school education will gain scant comfort from the concluding instalment of The Lions' Den (BBC 2). Nervous probation teacher Matthew Longden has, inexplicably, been made tutor of a class euphemistically described as "frisky 14-year olds. They are, in reality, a teacher's nightmare, and Longden should never have

been put in charge of them. Demoralised by an inability to keep control. Longden is shown videos of his disastrous progress by a former head teacher, Rosemary Cairns. They show how, after a steady. impressive first week, the hapless Longden then spirals downwards as his class erupted in a chaos of swear-words. paper aeroplanes and matchstriking. Cairns blames their behaviour largely on him, and he cenainly did increasingly lose his composure.

But nothing in his training had prepared him for such monstrous pupils. One boy complains: "There are so many levels of ability in my class that i get bored." Only teachers of exceptional ability can deal effectively with the problems created by the lack of streaming. A depressing in-dictment of state education

RICHARD CORK



pair of

heels

go to to Cape Town as a domestic worker. But she kept on running. She did not join a

club. She says tactfully that she

did not know how, but it

would have been almost im-

possible under the old order.

And then she entered a

charity fun run in Hout Bay.

She won by miles. The admin-

istrators persuaded her to join

"Celtic Harriers", Cape

Town's top road-running club.

She has been running and

but he can only see the runner

substantial meals a day.

And then Ms Tshabalala

mentioned her shoes. She was

wearing a pair of tired-looking

trainers. These are Ms Tshabalala's running shoes,

her only shoes in fact, the ones

she was going to wear for her

Olympic challenge. She took

them off and showed Mr Bell

Like other South African runners Ms Tshabalala is

sponsored — a pair of shoes

and a vest with the company

logo — but only when there is a

crying need. The head of

public relations at Adidas, Ms

Tshabalala's sponsors, took a quick look at her shoes. She

had been wearing them nonstop for two years. She had

won dozens of races in them;

had cleaned miles of floors in

them; and had even worn

them to hospital for the birth

of her baby. He decided that

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ndrew Bell, her white

winning ever since.

Bessie and Michael Clark: she appears in a see-through body-stocking enacting the birth of her son, who emerges, virtually naked, beneath her

# Born again in ballet

mid-morning rehearsal at Pineapple Dance Studios: a group of performers are eas-L ing their limbs into impossible angles. Slumped on a plastic seat in the corner, scanning the Dally Mirror and drawing heavily on a cigarette, sits Bessie Clark, wearing tracksuit trou-sers, training shoes and an old Michael Clark T-shirt.

The subject of her T-shirt, her son, is nearby. He is talking about his latest work, kneeling upright with immacu-late posture and picking his words with utmost precision. Mrs Clark proceeds to shatter his artistic aura as only a mather can smiling and winking at whoever might be listening not to take any of it too seriously.

That Leigh Bowery, the iconoclastic costume designer of Clark's new work. with Mrs Clark when they first met is not surprising. Yet now they are sharing a dressing room and partnering each other in *Modern* Masterpiece, Mr Clark's first show for his own company for five years. Bessie Clark, 68, mother of four and formerly farmer, cook, nurse and social worker. is now a full-time performer with

Michael Clark and Company. Modern Masterplece is inspired by Stravinsky's Rite of Spring. Nijinsky's original ballet deplets a fertility rite celebrating the creative power of

Ellen Cranitch discovers why Bessie Clark is topless on stage in her son's latest show

ly in it and it becomes her."

She was born in 1924 into a farming

family in Turriff, Aberdeenshire. She

left school at 14 to work on a

neighbouring farm. After the war, with

a daughter from her first, short-lived

marriage, she started work as a

nursing companion to an elderly woman. She fell in love with the

invalid's handsome son, Billy Clark,

seven years her junior. They married

and had three children, of whom

Michael, born in 1962, is the youngest.

Mrs Clark nurtured Michael's evi-dent talent for dancing through regu-lar trips to Scottish dance classes and

competitions. When Scottish Ballet

brought The Nutcracker to Aberdeen

spring. In Clark's version his mother plays the part of the sage.

She appears with breasts bared, full himself and Bowery. Mrs Clark drinks brown skirt and extravagant white wig.

After a brief, enigmatic duet with Bowery, dressed in identical skirt and wig, she reappears in a see-through body-stocking. She then enacts the birth of her child, played by Michael, who emerges, virtually naked, from

beneath her. How did Mrs Clark with her strict to perform topless in her son's dance show? She explains: "I was with Michael and two of my friends. Michael was talking about his comnys tour of Japan. I suggested, jokingly, that I could come along too. Michael leapt at the idea. I thought he

was pulling my leg."
He was not Believing that a voluptuous earth-mother figure could bring power to the part of the sage, and doubtless also aware of the publicity value of casting his mother in his latest work, he promptly found a role for her. Backstage in Nottingham Playhouse

after the first night, the dressing room Mrs Clark shares with Bowery has the intimate, chatty atmosphere of a hair-dressing salon. Bowery is backcombing

she encouraged him to audition for a part. This proved to be the springboard for his entrance to the Royal Ballet Not long after, Mrs Clark left her husband and the rest of the family in Aberdeen and followed her son to

London. She found a job as a warden in sheltered housing for the elderly. Becks, as a nod to the show's sponsors. While her son paces the room engaged She says she made the move in order to "keep an eye on Michael". in a feverish post-mortem of the performance, Mrs Clark eyes herself She welcomed her son's American critically in the mirror, emanating a quiet sense of achievement.

boyfriend, the choreographer Stephen Petronio, because "it was Stephen who Mrs Clark, reserved though not shy, rescued Michael that time he was in a has grown to enjoy publicity. As Bowery says: "What's true of Michael is terrible mess with drink and drugs". She appears at ease with her son's homosequality and seems to enjoy the company of his irlends. Imelight but she behaves immaculate-

How does she feel about her part in the show? She is not entirely comfortable: "I daren't think what my friends stage and do it."

Modern Masterpiece presents us with a bare-breasted mother and her bare-bottomed son. Did the son inherit his outrageous nonconformism from his mother, or has a sensible Presbyterian Scotswoman been newly incarnated in the unorthodox image of her son? Neither will say who has led whom more of a merry dance in the intricate choreography of

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### A cleaner in South Africa has dreams of Barcelona valina Tshabalala is a Clean cleaner. With an oldfashioned mop and

bucket she slops the shiny tiles of the Constantia Village shopping mall in Cape Town. She also happens to be the fastest black woman marathon runner in South Africa. Ms Tshabalala, 26, has two

children, a ten-year-old son and a ten-month-old baby, and lives in a tin shack in someone's yard in Gugeletu on the Cape Flats. The children live with her mother and her half-dozen brothers and sisters in a black "homeland" hundreds of miles away. She has not seen her baby since Christmag

Like millions of black South African women, Ms Tshabalala gets up at 4.30 six days a week, to be at work by six. She earns R500 (£100) a month. She sends half to her mother to keep her children. Fortyseven rand goes on bus fares. Another 50 on the rent for her shack. She is left with about £5 a week to buy food.

I visited Ms Tshabalala in the Constantia shopping mail two days before the qualifying race for Barcelona, the South African marathon championships. With her grey mop and nylon overall, she did not look much like a champion.

For men, the best and fastest lists in running and boxing have always been dominated by black names. For black women, it is different. "They carry too much weight and have babies as soon as they're old enough," a top white South African coach said.

Ms Tshabalala is pretty thin. She is one of the five fastest black woman marathon runners in the world. As a child she ran 12 miles to school from her home on a farm in Harrismith in the Orange Free State, and 12 back. She loved running, and quickly found a hero, Zola Budd: "All I wanted to do as a girl was be like Zola."

The prospects were not good. By the time she was 16, Ms Tshabalala was pregnant and forced to leave school and she deserved a new pair of

On one wail of her home. Ms Tshabalala has a few clippings from the local papers about her hope of a trip to Barcelona. Under the bed is a plastic carrier bag in which she keeps her most treasured possessions: dozens of metal med-

als on ribbons. She explained that to get to Barcelona she would need to be in the first three home in the marathon. Both she and her coach knew that she did not have a chance of beating Colleen de Reuck, the favourite, and Frith van der Merwe. the South African champion. but there was a good chance she might be third and manage the Barcelona qualifying time of two hours, 35 minutes.

"I know that because I am the first black woman with a chance to go overseas. I am important for all black women." Ms Tshabalala said. I want to do it for them."

A coach, is employed by Ms Tshabalala's club, The marathon began at 6.30 in the Cape Town morna couple of times a week when ing. Ms Tshabalala stayed out he comes to the shopping front ignoring her coach's centre. He did not seem to instructions not to start too understand her poverty when fast. Ms De Reuck won in he gave her some last-minute 2:31:21 - the only woman to qualify for Barcelona. Ms tips for the marathon. He told her that she must eat three Tshabalala came fifth. It was not her best, but it would have got her into the first 15 women in the London marathon.

There is still a chance she might go to Barcelona, but not to run. Because South Africa has so few blacks among its Olympic hopefuls, special arrangements are being made for 25 disadvantaged athletes to wear the team uniform. live in the Olympic village and gather valuable international experience for Atlanta in 1996. Surely there could not be a more deserving candidate than Evalina Tshabalala?

LINDA **McDougall** Dispatches: Return to Olympia will be shown on Channel 4 at 9 pm today. Linda McDougall is the head of current affairs at Chrysalis Television.



Right steps: Evalina Tshabalala, South Africa's fastest black female marathon athlete

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# **Time I got to Phoenix**

ost people go to Phoenix for the environment; and there is nothing more environment-threatening than most people, Michael Watkins writes. You could say, perhaps, that Phoenicians are being hoist with their own petard: although it is not implausible that they are suffering the effects of Geronimo's revenge - for this land was sacred to the Apache and Hohokan indians centuries before it was requisitioned by pale faces in 1886 and colonised by snowbirds more recently.

The environment - pollution-free - is crackling hot in summer, yet so cool at night

that temperatures plummet to 85 F. Dry heat, marvellous stuff to inhale, wonderful for cacti, too. Phoenix is spanking new, its skyscrapers like upended radiators pulsing with solar energy. Its inhabitants are similarly energetic, burnished by the sun. Unlike Los Angelenos, who revel in selfparody, Phoenicians unashamedly rejoice in their good fortune. Concerned, as everybody should be, with job status, body odour, the cost of analysis, alimony, and vice president Quayle, they are unwilling to permit such natural catastrophes to impair their delight in residing in the

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# Do mothers know best?

he price both of a virtuous woman and of wisdom is above rubies, according to different verses in the Old Testament. There are plenty of each in the Mothers' Union (MU) today, despite doubts about the latter in some

MU, founded in 1876 to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage, is considered one of the last bastions of conservative Christian family life in an uncertain world, that fresh approaches to cohabitation and prostitution have so startled observers and shocked some insiders. Of the two, the prostitution debate has tended to hog the headlines, but the issue of cohabitation is no less contentious within the organ-

isation. Rachel Nugee, a JP from north London, suggests in an article for the August edition of Home & Family, the MU magazine, that living together before marriage need not be sinful. On the first page of the same magazine are listed the five objects of the MU, the first of which is "to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its

wider understanding". Mrs Nugee, whose husband Ted is a QC in the Chancery Division, has four children and four grandchildren. She joined the MU the year after her marriage in 1955, and went on to become central president from 1977 to 1982, worldwide head of 500,000 members of which half are in 6.000 branches in the UK.

"I have every sympathy with youngsters who want to go far more slowly into marriage than tradition would allow them to," she says. "Contra ception has been the big dividing line between my generation and my children's

The Mothers' Union provides a champion for cohabitation

generation. For my generation, to live together was running a very great risk of bringing a child into the world without the security and love of both parents.

The young couples who are living together now are using, it seems to me, the gift God

before marriage and fidelity within it I would now redefine chastity. "I would not consider it unchaste to have full sexual relations as a commitment to one person for as long as you

can maintain that commitment, which to the vast major-



Rachel Nugee: living together need not be a sin

has given us of the comfort, healing and love of the full sexual relationship, without the risk of bringing a child into the world. To that extent, to me, there is no sin in it." She adds: "I am going to be in howling trouble with the rest of the MU for that, but I do strongly believe in it."

Her views were once more traditional. "I used to hold a very traditional view of chastity

ity of people is a commitment for life:" She began to change her

views during her engagement, when she told a couple she knew that she hoped for a marriage as happy and Christian as theirs.

There was the most ghastly hush. Finally the wife said to me, 'Ours is not a Christian marriage'. It emerged that the woman's first husband had

regularly beaten her. To deep disgrace, she divorced him. She remarried, but it could not be a church wedding. In those days, many would have called that living in sin. But they were patently blessed."

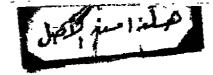
Mrs Nugee recalls a maintenance case which came to court after she became a JP in the 1970s. A couple in their late teens had married in June but by September had decided to separate. The young wife was expecting a baby in

"I asked him what he gave her for housekeeping and he said. 'Do you mean that pound I gave her in the pub-last week? I asked them what happened when they came back from their honeymoon. He went back to his mum and she went back to hers. That was marriage: consummated. consecrated and unbreakable.

It was an absolutely travesty. "For me marriage is a relationship which must have a content of love and generosity and which must be renewed daily. I do not believe God wills anything else. I do believe a marriage can die. We say, 'til death us do part', and that does not need to be a physical death. I believe what we should seek as the highest ideal is not just the fact of being married for nearly 60 years, but the fact of still finding joy and enchantment with each other at the end of those 60 years. I saw it with my own parents and I know it

Of the Mothers Union, Mrs Nugee says: "I hope to goodness we are changing because otherwise we will die. The MU must be a living thing that is relevant to its own times. There is nothing worse than the 'our dear founder would not have liked it attitude."

**RUTH GLEDHILL** 



# Sisters stripped to the skin

What is a Pussy Posse? Rosie Millard spent an evening sampling the further

reaches of female self-indulgence

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know I can look Naomi Wolf in the eye; I have conclusive proof I am a post-Feminist feminist. I realised it on Sunday, when I was driving to an all-woman evening in the Porchester Spa. west London, and found myself putting lipstick on in the rear-view mirror.

The evening ahead was not going to involve a glimpse of a man; not even so much as "August" from the Chippendales 1992 calendar. But most of the hundred-or-so other women at the spa also disproved the widely-held belief that women only wear make-up

and attractive clothes when men are around; beauty spots, 1950s swimsuits, and glamorous swimming hats Liz Taylor circa 1962), were all in evidence as the Pussy Posse hosted its first Pamela Pamper evening, for "Birds Only" to lavish care on

The Pussy Posse has been active for about a year, under the auspices of fashion stylist Sara B. and Farika (manageress of the DNA

bar in the Trocadero Centre, Piccadilly, London), it is a movement which aims to give women greater confidence, essentially in the name of saler sex.

Both doyennes of London's club scene, Sara and Farika noted the extraordinary position of many female contemporaries who, as they put it, "were intelligent, educated, and in good jobs; but when it came to asking their boyfriend to put a condom on - forget it".

And so the Posse, promising sex education classes with a smart, amusing profile, came to town. with club evenings full of kissing booths, questionnaires and women in Regency corsets handing out

But, the Posse believes, the art of being intelligently glamorous needs nurturing, and hence the Pamela Pamper evening. Invitations covered in pink ostrich feathers exorted the faithful to "Pamper Yourself with Pamela ... Dress as Bare as You Dare," and enjoy a night designed for utter female

female body: manicures, massage, hair dressing, make-up. "Sexy" food (basically water melon and ice cream) was laid out in the steamy, 1930s atmosphere of the Porphester Sea

Porchester Spa.
The flower-strewn, hedonistic decor of the building was worth part of the entrance fee alone: delightfully enough, all the preparations had been done by men, who were rather sulkily leaving the building as we turned up.

"I'd love to have an all-male Pamper evening," Alfie McHugh, one of the designers, said. "The trouble is, everyone would think it

was just a gay thing. It's just such a good idea for one sex to get together and talk." I wandered over to the hairdressing

area, where fantastically complex coiffures were being produced. husband and his friends are all very suspicious," said Susie, sitting in curlers and a towel with her friend Jo. "They all think it's some lesbian orgy. Anyway, I've left him holding the

"Pampering and Preening are very ancient female rituals," announced Pussy Posse stalwart Rebecca Tomlinson, a neo-Diana Dors with peroxide hair and black ribbons, who apparently prefers to be known as Bunny Vixen.
"If you look at clothing up until

20 years ago, women have always helped one another dress, and adorned one another. By the way, have you heard of my club, Night of the Living Ultra Vixens? We have games where men have to put on make-up and do the ironing."

"This evening is definitely not to enable you to look good in order to go out and get a man,"Sara B, the co-hostess, majestic in a turban, a ribbon choker and little else, said. That's precisely why I held it on a Sunday night. It is for women to look good for themselves. I mean, I haven't had a facial for years. I just wish everyone would take all their clothes off. Look at all these people running around in swimsuits. Will you all take your clothes off. Please There are no men in here!" she bellowed over a microphone.

Not everyone shared her enthusi-



Looking good for the media: women at the 'Pamela Pamper' evening at the Porchester Spa help each other to relax in a Pampering and Preening session.

stereotype. "I don't think I will be taking my clothes off," Maria, a Swedish secretary from the City, said. "We aren't that sexy, you know. I think most Swedes would be shocked by this."

So much for Scandinavia; it appeared even the West Coast of America had its reservations. "I'm not going to take my swimsuit off," Lisa Deschann, a Los Angeleno working in London, said. "There's just too much fat there." As far as she was concerned, the credo of the every indulgence known to the asm or, indeed, her dismissal of Posse had somewhat backfired. Far

from making her feel more selfconfident, appearing in a public place with only a piece of Lycra to her name had filled her with angst. "After this evening I'm going to start a serious work out. Look at

And this was a minor problem. For every one woman at the Pussy Posse who really believed that inner beauty was the thing, there were at having thin upper arms and a

by the Plunge Pool, included a trio of would-be philosophers in matching swimsuits who sang about "being happy with your mind, not your body, that's all that counts". Beautifully coiffured and powdered, complete with false eyelashes and perfect figures, the Matching Swimsuits seemed un-

aware of any inconsistency. "Just because we look good, it need to decorate your soul, not your The entertainment, taking place body. We just need to look good

because of well, you know, the media. And you can hide flabby thighs with a well-cut ewimsuit. I think our looks help open women

I felt fairly confident that the Matching Swimsuits would make most women I know want to close down, preferably for ever, but they were given their due by the crowd, who then went back to follow on to," one said kindly. "I mean, you magazines and whiling away the evening with a serious dose of self-

This is really just like women relaxing, isn't it," said a reporter from Radio 4's Woman's Hour. "Not much out of the ordinary." Oh yes it is. What about the history. of Preening and Ceremony?" Bunny Vixen said.

The Radio 4 woman looked at her curiously, amid the plethora of semi-naked, huminating female forms at Pamela Paren behaving just like women

# 'We don't see it as man versus woman

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soldiers. Staff Sergeant Jan Rees, aged 33, was working in the RCT operations cell closer to the battlefields. "It wasn't a direct order to take the pill so I didn't take it - not when we were being advised to have anti-anthrax injections and taking NAPS [anti-nerve agent] tablets all at the same time. They said the anthrax was voluntary and that put doubts in your mind." The high doses, designed for male bodies, or perhaps the chemical reaction of such a cocktail of drugs, made the women ill. Most of the Americans did not take the tablets, since they were not all approved by the Federal Drugs Administration. Nor were the Americans advised to use the contracep-

tive pill non-stop. The Americans were used to mixed units and found women in the field ordinary, if not downright uninteresting. There was more resistance in female soldiers from British enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, particularly those in their mid-twenties and thirties who were not used to being around women in uniform, except those in traditional administrative or secretarial roles. Now six women drivers were not just in 77 Squadron, they were in the tent next door to Lance Corporal Kevin Carpenter, Sergeant Kevin Parkins, and Corporal Stephen Richardson, all in

"Half of them don't know how to use a pick or a shovel and they should be properly trained if they're expected to do it. The problem with the girls is they start off keen, but the moment they meet the challenge and prove they can do it, they lose interest and do less work," said Sgt Parkins, reclining on his Americanborrowed camp bed. The tent wall above him was decorated with a poster of a topless model, greetings cards from home, and a blue furry teddy bear. Cpl Richardson was not pleased either. "They're being paid the same as a bloke so they should do the same

The girls had it easy was the oninion and not just in the to T-shirts. Shorts

workplace, but in bed. L Cpl Carpenter said, "If we got up to what I hear women out here have got up to other women. we'd be out." He claimed there was a different standard for lesbians and for homosexuals, and the army turned a blind eye to the women.

Aside from light pornography, battlefield souvenirs affirmed that these were indeed army men to the core. They eagerly displayed a huge knife, demonstrated possible uses of a sort of Iraqi tomahawk, and showed a shell casing and an Iraqi commanding officer's diary or logbook in Arabic. The women next door - or indeed anywhere else in the Gulf seemed to have no interest in collecting relies. The men did not find that surprising. You've got to remember they

are women at the end of the day," said L Cpl Carpenter. "Yes, there is that," said Sgt Parkins slowly. "A lot of times my point of view is that they're almost as good a morale booster as they are a pain."

uch the same views prevailed among the women when asked about their male workmates. It sounded like they had had a fairly rough ride to begin with A sense of humour, they said constantly, was vital for survival. Private Sarah Smith, at 19 one of the youngest women, provided an example of the survival technique. "When we were down in Al-Jubail camp, we found the men were drilling spy holes through the wooden partition between their showers and ours, so we started filling them up with soap. Then after a few days we realised — if they can see us, we can see them. So we looked back at them. And that put a

stop to it. Straightaway."

Dealing with hostile fellow soldiers was something many of the women were used to. But this war had an added dimension - it was happening in a Muslim country and the female soldiers had to adapt to that. They had to wear combat jackets for modesty, working in fierce heat, while the men stripped down

banned, except within closed camps. In one incident in a souk, an American woman soldier was hit with a stick by one of the religious police for having the sleeves of her uniform rolled up showing bare arms. She floored him with a punch.

Delicacy and sensibility were not noticeably present around the battlefields, less so where the Americans were camped. Three young American military policewomen who patrolled the bomb-cratered road between the Iraqi border and Kuwait City were in mixed tents for three months. They began by dressing inside their sleeping bags and later would just tell the men to turn their backs, hoping constant exposure would result in boredom rather than anything

The presence of women was decidedly more exciting for the prisoners-of-war they rounded up inside Iraq. Sergeant Jeremy Kopina said, "They were just begging for us to put the cuffs on. They couldn't believe we were women. They looked like they thought they were in heaven." She worked 18- to 20-hour days processing prisoners, but seeing the results of combat had not put her off. "I think some women are capable of combat, but you need emotional stability, and there are a lot of men who can't handle it. It's not the dream of every woman to have a marriage and children and all that. Some women have different dreams.

First Lieutenant Tracy McLaughlin, an American he-licopter pilot at Kuwait airport, was aged 25, one of the youngest and the only female pilot out of 90, in an army aviation battalion of 225. She worked 22-hour days at the start of the war, running flight operations and flying missions for four or five hours at a time in her Blackhawk helicopter.

'I slept between 11 and one during the day: I was sleeping in the shower, taking cat naps when I was being driven somewhere," she said. "The hardest part of being a woman in this job is the motherly feelings you have towards the men you are sending out." For someone who was normally a

husiness administrator at the University of South Dakota it was a peculiar few months.

Lt McLaughlin was called up as a reserve, but her husband, who is a full-time pilot, stayed in the States flying search and rescue missions for the air force in Rapid City, South Dakota. They had been married for 17 months and had spent seven together. She was not in the army fulltime partly because at that time flying opportunities were limited for women: "I can't fly attack helicopters or anything with weapons, though I'd definitely like to."

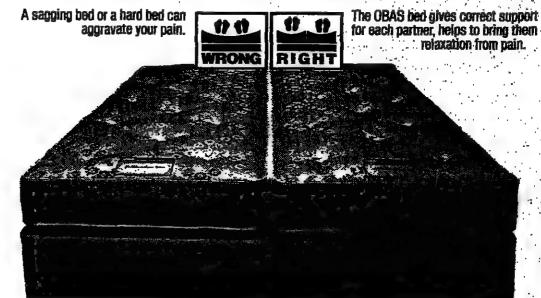
fter the performance of A women in the US Air Force and Army airborne divisions in the war, the US Senate voted in August 1991 to allow women to fly fighter planes and combat

Major Marie Rossi, the lead pilot of a group of Chinook helicopters, was one of the 22 women pilots with 101st Airborne which sent more than 300 attack helicopters into Iraq during the war. carrying more than 2,000 men, 50 HumVees, howitzers, food and ammunition. Throughout the ground war Maj Rossi, a 32-two-year-old from Oradell, New Jersey, flew dozens of missions, sometimes carrying ammunition in the cargo holds, or with 2,500 gallons of jet fuel in tanks slung under her helicopter. She flew three missions in the first 24 hours of the war and told CNN in a television interview. What I am doing is no greater or less than the man who is flying next door to

The day after the ceasefire, Maj Rossi's Chinook hit an unlit tower at night in northern Saudi Arabia, and she and her two crewmen were killed. Her last public words remained on the CNN tape. "I think if you talk to the women who are professionals in the military, we see ourselves as soldiers. We don't really see it as man versus woman.

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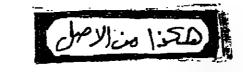
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For once, an estate agent's claim seems to be true. Edward Lewis, from Knight Frank's competitor, Savills. has to admit that he can't think of another one-bedroom flat at such a high market price. "It's a hell of a price," he says. "It would be a lot to pay even if the flat was in Buckingham Palace." Mr Lassman says the prop-

erty would suit an international type who wants a modest pied-d-terre for occasional use In London. "It's not for use all year round," says Mr Lassman. Of course not

The flat is in one of the four

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The high life: the fourth-floor St James's Place flat has a large "reception space" and views over Green park

modern Sixties blocks in St James's Place. It had four bedrooms originally, but the Japanese property developers who remodelled the flat felt one bedroom was more suitable. A separate room used as a dressing room adjacent to

the bedroom could, at a pinch, be used as an extra bedroom. Equally, one of the two bathrooms, currently used as his and her bathrooms serving the master bedroom, could be used as a second bathroom. The future owner can enjoy

a spacious drawing room, separate sitting room, study and dining room overlooking Green Park, Spencer House can be seen from the large balcony, and there is a glimpse of the gardens of St James's

Then there are the neighbours. At number 21/22 is Paul Getty; at number 23. formerly owned by Dorothy de Rothschild, is Jacob Roths-child; the Spencers are at Spencer house, though sadly not in residence; and the

is at Bridgewater house "I think St James's Place is one of the two smartest addresses in London, competing only with Eaton Square," says Mr Lassman But there is far less available in St James's The place only has five buildings which overlook Green Park and there is no mad between you and the park. unlike practically all other parks in London.

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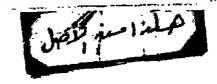
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Historic houses A Grade 1 listing is rarely given. Cliftons, in the town of Clare, Suffolk is not only Grade 1, but in agent-speak "competitively priced" at £395,000. The combination makes it a best buy.

The house is not for the architectural purist. It is a mixture of styles, embracing Tudor, Jacobean, and victorian architecture with a Georgian front

**BEST BUYS** 

Inside, the house's Tudor origins reassert themselves, with a stoneflagged hall and timbered sitting room which boasts the remains of a medieval wall-painting. The din-ing room is clad in Jacobean panelling. Next door is a huge Victorian music room with a curved ceiling and Victorian fireplace, once the venue for a local Suffolk string quartet. It has six bedooms, two bathrooms, a playroom, family room, and kitchen.

Given the complexity of getting planning permission for renovating a Grade I building, potential buyers will be relieved to learn that the house has recently been exten-sively removated. The agent Bidwells (0473 611644) is handling the sale.

A second Grade I house is to be found in the lovely old market town of Blandford Forum in Dorset. The Old House is set in a walled garden, a short walk from the centre of the town.

The house dates from the 17th century, and was reputedly built for a German doctor. Dr Joachim Frederic Sagittarry, who practised in Blandford. There is a large hall, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, eight bedrooms, two bathrooms, a games room and a wine

Only ten miles from Poole, the property may be attractive to sailing enthusiasts. It is also close to Dorchester and Salisbury and only two hours from London. The agent. Savills (0202 298585), is asking for offers around £350,000.



Listed: Cliftons, Clare, Suffolk



Bargain buy for restorers: The Roses in Twinstead, Essex, as it was in 1901 (above left) and today. With building costs down to 1986 levels this is a good time to buy

# Former glories going for a song

sion in Twinstead, Essex which has remained unchanged since the start of the Great War when its former occupants, the Stebbing family, first moved in. The foursquare honey-coloured house is

now for sale. Inside, a sense of the bygone age remains. This is a world of tweenies and coal fires. Gold Victorian pelmets hang in the drawing room and the kitchen retains its original cast-iron, coal-fired range and a butter's sink.

Despite the attractions of such period details, prospective buyers could not fail to notice the current state of the house. The drawing room is full of rubbish and dust covers every surface. The wallpaper is crumbling, the place smells, the plasterwork is

cracking, and the house has dry rot. This is the reality of a timewarp house which is often overlooked by agents hoping to appeal to the British love of nostalgia, who produce brochures celebrating the joys of making one of these timepieces your own.

Many buyers seem to be undeterred by the obvious time and effort required to make a property like The Roses habitable, however. They may even feel more enthusiastic about their potential purchase after making a tour of the house with a calculator in one hand and a surveyor in the other. In the current economic climate, a buyer of property in need of restora-

Grand old properties in a poor state of repair are going for a song, reports

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tion benefits from the fall in house prices as well as reductions in the cost of building materials. The Roses is a snip at £165,000, with its drawing room, dining room, study, pantry, buttery, kitchen scullery, eight bed-rooms and one bathroom. The agent, William H. Brown, calculates an additional £130,000 will have to be

spent on repairs. Another old property on the market for around E650,000 is Hillstead, a ten-bedroomed Edwardian mansion

with 44 acres in Great Shelford near Cambridge. The agent, Bidwells, estimates it would cost £210,000 home, not an Building costs have fallen so drastically

they are now the same as in 1986. "Now is a terrific time to benefit from a double windfall in property and building prices." says Reading University's professor of building, Malcolm Hollis.

Professor Hollis warns against the assumption that one can slagger

repair work and thus spread the costs.

however. "The thing that most people forget is that you can rarely deal with an element of work in isolation," he "Take damp. It might cost £2,000 to do the damp proofing, but then you could spend up to £12,000 repairing the plaster, the heating system, and redecorating."

Phasing building work usually increases the overall cost by about 15 to 20 per cent, according to professor Hollis. Savings can be made by planning ahead. If

you put up £2,000 worth of scatfolding to fix the roof, for example, it makes sense to decorate the exterior at the same time and spending avoid another £2,000 on more scaffolding later

Though it is possible to "block" work, identifying repairs which can be done in batches, building societies may only lend on the condition that repairs are undertaken within a certain time, as required by their insurance companies. That means less flexibility for buyers, who may be

asked to fix the roof and deal with the damp before they can borrow for further work.

Money can run away with repairs. Dry rot and subsidence are the worst offenders, says Professor Hollis. Buyers should exercise particular caution if they see or smell air-fresheners, often used to disguise the smell of rot. in a property.

Savings can be made on architect's plans, which are easy enough to do yourself for alterations. With tracing paper, one can jot down alterations without the cost of an architect's plans. Extra doors should ideally be placed in a room's corner, and at a different point on each floor. But beware of being too ambitious. Most Victorian and Edwardian houses tend to have their plumbing at the back, for example, and plans to put

bathrooms at the front are expensive. The most vital precaution is to have a survey. "Most people are frightened by surveys and think them alarmist." says Professor Hollis. "But even though surveyors can only look at the surface of walls and floors, they are surprisingly accurate: 99 and 99.2 per cent so.

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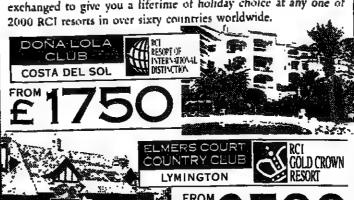
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# **Election ends the blues**

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in the commercial property market reflected a collective sigh of relief that Labour had not won power and that the uncertainties of a hung Parliament had been avoided.

In the days before the election. property people were predicting disaster if Labour won. Martin Winch, head of the consultancy Lamp, argued that if interest rates increased by up to 21/2 per cent as predicted. London's commercial property scene would turn into a wasteland and send the office market into free fall.

That dire thought can now be put aside as the market makes a more considered judgment on prospects for the future. The indicators do not yet promise an early recovery, but there is general agreement that it can begin when given a push.

Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner of the international consultants Healey & Baker, believes that positive action from the government is needed, and that means a cut in interest rates. "But with German rates as they are. this may not happen until the autumn, and the delay could

stall the recovery." Bill Yates, senior partner of

he post-election euphoria Knight Frank & Rutley, says that the property markets experienced shock waves in recent weeks as a result of exceptionally high levels of debt and fears that the next interest rate movements were likely to be unward. "A huge load has been lifted with the return of the Conservarive government and a level of confidence will return."

That does not mean, he says, that tenant demand will suddenly in- ner at Hillier Parker, points out crease, "Indeed we

believe that it may be 1993 before the occupier markets revive. The first stage is confidence. and it looks as if we can expect a four to stability in curren-

cy with a down-ward trend in interest rates. These are the aspects which are on today's horizon and that were missing before the election."

The agent's UK economic and property investment market commentary, published after the election, reflects that view but says that the level of completed deals will continue to be determined by the quality of the stock offered to the market, the willingness of the banks to relax their lending re-still life in the property market.

quirements and by a slackening in the institutions' stock selection

Recent figures show that bank lending to property companies fell for the third successive quarter, dropping by 1.2 per cent to £39.2 billion in the quarter to April 10. Last year, lending to property companies fell by 2.5 per cent. Robert Farnes, investment part-

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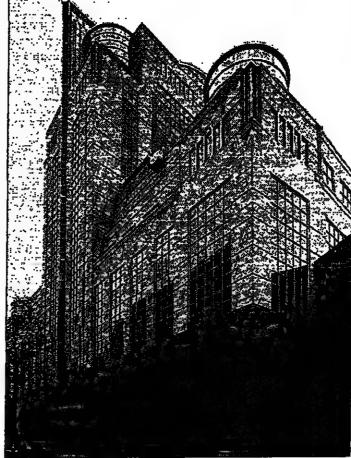
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structuring or a form of standstill on repayments. "The banks have shown no desire to release property on to the market at prices which would force them to write off part of their loan book."

Rupert Clarke, managing director of Jones Lang Wootton financial services, suggests that the ability of the banks to continue reducing their property exposure gives some reassurance to the financial community that there is "The last-minute election reprieve for the Conservatives gives further comfort that the property market will remain sufficiently liquid for the banks to continue to achieve further reductions."

In its investment market commentary, Knight Frank & Rutley says it is becoming apparent that the retail sector, which was first into the downturn, is now beginning to show some signs of recovery. With consumer expenditure only forecast to grow by 1 per cent in 1992, however, the outlook remains somewhat flat. The office market continues to be the worst-performing property sector, and industrials the best on an annual basis. For any organisation seeking a new building, there has never been

a better opportunity to achieve maximum value for money, according to Gardiner & Theobald, chartered quantity surveyors. Figures produced in its tender price indicator show a 25 per cent difference between the indices for retail price inflation and construction tender prices. Against a background of rising retail prices, construction prices have been falling since the second quarter of 1990, and the gap is as wide as it has ever been, with little indication of any significant change in the near future.



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hile college leav-ers naturally give priority to find-▼ ▼ ing a first job, the far-sighted will be looking ahead. What can they aim for, two years on? Judicious choice of first job can open the door to more senior positions, as both Nicola Marwick and Clare Holland have found. Nicola, who left college with

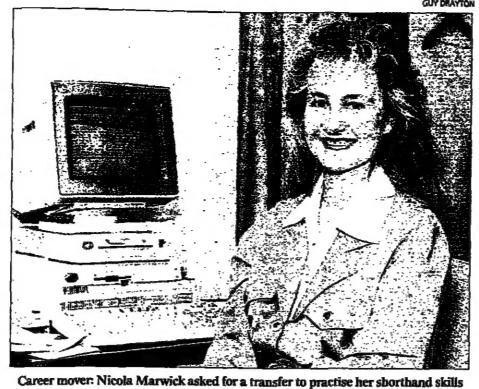
the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Secretarial Studies Certificate. together with a distinction in RSA Stage 2 typing and a shorthand speed of 80 wpm. worked first as a temp on leaving college. After only two weeks at a merchant bank, she was offered a permanent job. "I was working for one of the managers doing an enormous amount of typing and some shorthand. I had to ask him to slow down at first when dictating, but my speed soon improved."
After four months, Nicola

felt she was not getting sufficient shorthand practice and asked about a transfer. Her manager spoke to the personnel department and Nicola was appointed secretary in the fund-managing department. This time, she used more shorthand, improved her typing and became proficient in word-processing systems. mainly Displaywrite 4.

She now has shorthand and typing speeds of 78 and 100 respectively and is with her second employer, an international firm of management consultants, working as a floating secretary. "It is like being a permanent temp, but within the same company. I plug gaps wherever required and love the variety. Obviously, I had to be confident in my basic skills and I have learned to be very flexible. Clare works in the corporate

plc. "I report to the corporate affairs officer. There are just two of us in the department, so I have a lot of responsibility, particularly when she is away. We handle all press queries and arrange functions - the chairman's Christmas party. events for employees gaining long-service awards, or exhibitions of new products. I are lucky to have a boss who involves me. I don't just sit and

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Clare has the LCCI Secretarial Certificate, Information Technology certificates and a distinction in her own college's dinloma. She does shorthand at 80 wpm, types at 61 and is fully experienced in Word Perfect 4.2 and 5.0, Wordstar

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Internship Programme, which sends successful applicants to work in the United States for a year. "Twelve students from my

college were accepted and placed with companies in New York. I shared an apartment

with four other 'interns' and worked for a small advertising agency on Madison Avenue. 'I don't think any particular

allowances were made for my lack of experience, although everyone was very kind. They have a high expectation of English-trained secretaries and I was expected to perform. As a result, I learned a lot and quickly. When I came back, I felt more experienced than the normal first-jobber and was able to find a job at quite senior level in a corporate finance department."

Both girls followed the stan-

dard advice given to college leavers, namely to take a first job in which you can consoli-date your skills and stay in it for at least a year. Good advice is easy to find:

less easy to follow when jobs are as tight as at present. Recession has hit college leavers, with many firms reluctant to recruit new staff. This year's leavers must be flexible in the type of job they will accept.

Does this imply that college leavers must lower their sights too far and take anything that appears? No, but it does mean job-seekers should not stick rigidly to one employment category — "I want to be in advertising and nothing else will do". It also means that if the job taken does not offer

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a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1991. b. To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.

c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution to amend Article 4 of the Articles of Association for the purpose of authorising the Directors to increase the share capital of the Company to DKK 767,291,000.00 and a resolution to amend Articles 2 and 13 relating to the availability of documents for inspection and the collection of admission cards in London and Pans, respectively

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that an amount of DKK 318,301,432.03 be transferred from the share premium fund to the distributable reserves of the Compa-

 To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board
of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

g. To elect Directors of the Company.

h. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolutions set out under items d. and e. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital repre-sented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General

From Monday 11 May 1992 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated accounts with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office at Kongens Nytory 26, second floor, and in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Compa-

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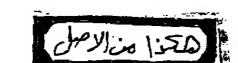
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6.00 Ceefax (71610) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (21973875) 9.05 Gloria. Successful dieting is Gloria Hunniford's subject this moming. Her guests are Su Pollard and Ruth Madoc (1102287) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Shaun Hill prepares steam and crisp fried Aylesbury duckling (8283981)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (4900233) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (r) (5061875) 10.25 Rupert the Bear. Animation based on the stories by Alfred Bestall (r) (4903320) 10.35 Gibberish. Celebrity word game hosted by Kenny Everett (s) (7285287)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (3255962) 11.05 Snooker. Quarter-final action in the Embassy world professional championship, introduced by Earnonn Holmes from the Crucible.

Sheffield (5253766) 12.20 Pebble Mill. Music and chat presented by Judi Spiers (s) (8806523)

12.55 News, regional news and weather (13810097)
1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (99908) 1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (64487981) 1.50 Racing from Ascot and Punchestown. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the 2.00, 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40 races from Ascot and

the 2.45 and 3.20 from Punchestown (s) (99869829) 3.50 Henry's Cat. Cartoon (r) (2772707) 4.00 WildBunch, Wildlife series presented by Janice Acqueh and Mark Evans (s) (9730320) 4.15 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes. Animation (s) (2197788)

4.35 The Movie Game, Film and video quiz. The questionmaster is Jonathon Morris. (Ceefax) (s) (8427610) 5.00 Newsround (7734504) 5.10 Little Sir Nicholas. Episode five of a six-part children's drama serial (r). (Ceefax) (7487558) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (726639). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (900) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (252). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan (s) (2691)
7.30 Tontorrow's World. With news of new aircraft luggage containers designed to minimise the effects of a bomb blast similar to the Lockerbie disaster, and a new strain of spiky grass to deter birds from settling near aircraft and risk being sucked into jet engines.

Ceefax) (436) 8.00 Only Fools and Horses. The first of a two-part story Miami Twice in which Del and Rodney experience the transatiantic jet-set life in Florida. Starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r). (Ceefax)



Airing comments about television: Anne Robinson (8.50pm

8.50 Points of View presented by Arine Robinson (s) (134252) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7368)
 9.30 Q.E.D: Little Monsters.

 CHOICE: Seven-year-old Christopher is a lekyll and Hyde character who can be an angel one minute and then turn into the exact opposite, angry, aggressive and destructive. He is one of many such children and no one knows what makes them like it. In the 1970s an American physician put the behaviour down to diet, particularly food additives. The theory was ridiculed by the medical profession and other explanations sought. Danish research suggested that the trouble was due to a lack of blood flow in the suggested that the trouble was due to a lack of blood flow in the brain. Other experts have blamed bad parents. More recently the food additive theory has been revived. Tony Edwards's film brings the story up to date. It reports on the results of dietary trials and a study linking hyperactivity with juvenile crime. (Ceefax) (61097)

10.00 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Football: highlights of England's European championship warm-up match against CIS in Moscow; Snooker: the latest news from the Crucible, Sheffield; Rugby League: a preview of Saturday's Challenge Cup Final between Wigan and Castleford at Wembley (1320)

12.00 Spenser For Hire. Private detective drama series starring Robert Urich (1255450)

12.50am Weather (4266189)

BBC2

B.00 Breakfast News (6339981) 8.15 The Tea and Sugar. A documentary about a supply train that acts as a supermarket on wheels for the aborigines of Australia's

Nullarbor Plain (r) (8343962) 9.05 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather (30402252) followed by You and Me. Series for four and five-year-olds (r) (23051504)
2.15 Snooker. Eamonn Holmes introduces quarter-final action in the

Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible, Sheffield, In Snooker Break David Vine looks at the players and the incidents of the tournament and offers a chance to refresh the memory for the Shot of the Championship competition. Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (99916542)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Space adventures. This week the starship Enterprise and its crew encounter a highly sophisticated and deadly rival with machine-like destructive strength. (Ceefax)

6.50 DEF it: Rough Guide to the World's Journeys. Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha sample the delights of a trip from Atlanta to New Orleans by way of Nashville (r) (730436) 7.30 Artrageous. Arts magazine presented by Jason Rebello. Includes a visit to the pavillions of Expo 92 in Seville, Jah Wobble reading some of his own erse and a look at the new breed of feature film directors (338)

8.00 The Buried Mirror. CHOICE: The Mexican writer Carlos Fuertes continues his series with a magical journey into the past to explain how Indian and Spanish beliefs became fused. The distinction between legend and historical fact becomes blurred as we learn about the "Plumed Serpent" of Indian belief who returned in the shape of the Spanish Serpent" of Indian belief who returned in the shape of the Spanish conquistador, Cortez, and about the chain of events that led to the birth of the first truly Mexican baby. As Fuentes explains, the conquered people could hardly be said to have emerged triumphant, but their spirit lives on in beautiful Aztec architecture and in Latin America's colourful and unique religious customs. "If we forget the Indians we forget ourselves," says Fuentes, "But do we recognise our brothers and sisters?" Series produced by Michael Gill and not Peter Gill as stated last week. (Ceefax) (8349)

9,00 World Snooker. The concluding frames of the remaining two quarter-finals, introduced by David Vine (868566)



Soho prostitute: Miranda Richardson as Sandra (9.40pm)

9.40 Mr Wakefield's Crusade. Episode two of the three-part adaptation of Bernice Rubens's Booker Prize-winning black cornedy starring Peter Capaldi, Richard Griffiths and Miranda Richardson. (Ceefax) (s) (583146)

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10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (888523)
11.15 The Late Show. The Road to Hoy, a special from Scotland exploring the current unprecedented growth in the Scottish composing scene. The interest can be traced back to an enlightened piece of commissioning by Strathchyde Regional Council who asked composer Sir Peter Maxwell to write ten concertos involving children's our precedentials as the statistics point for a street. children's own composition as the starting point for a schools project (s) (759707)
Weather (65623)

11.55 Weather (556233) 12.00 Open University: Women, Children and Work (1253092). Ends at 12.50am

6.00 TV-am (8445252) 9.25 Cross Wifs. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (4085078) 9.55 Thames News (6454338)

10.00 The Time...The Place...Topical discussion (2182813) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes Jayne Irvine on making the most out of the National Health Service; legal advice from barrister Nicola Charles; and Carol Vorderman explaining the mysteries of electronic devices (1876271)



Chips with everything: Carol Vordenman explains (18.40am)

12.10 Allsorts. Educational fun for pre-school children (r) (s) (7702320)
 12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (8519233) 1.10 Tharmes News (24936184)
 1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (91005928) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (63398392)

2.20 Graham Kerr. The chef prepares banana spice bread (59400981)
2.50 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (8683813)
3.15 ITN News headlines (8945344)
3.20 Thames News headlines (3728487)
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama series (1632707)

3.55 The Dreamstone. Cartoon fantasy series (s) (5918691) 4.20
Megamania. Manic game show, this week in a supermarket (5305207) 4.50 Johnsy Balf Reveals All. What lies beneath the earth's surface. Last in the series (6456271)
5.10 Bioclousters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers (8650368)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (330748)
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5.55 Thames Help (r) (934829) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (368) 6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (320)

7.90 The Cook Report. Roger Cook investigates another consumer

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7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (504)
8.90 Film: Short Circuit 2 (1988) starring Fisher Stevens and Michael McKean. Children's cornedy fantasy about a military robot on the run from the authorities, hiding out in a Montana cabin. When he decides to help his co-creator, Ben Jahrvi he is forced to travel to the city where he becomes involved with a gang of jewel thieves. Directed by Kenneth Johnson. (Oracle) (9691)
70.00 News at Ten with Alastari Stewart and Tenor McDonald (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (25707) 10.30 Thames News (459962)

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10.40 Film: Seniors (1978) starring Dennis Quaid. Cornedy about a group of college students who, for a joke, open a sex clinic. Much to their surprise it growns into a multi-million dollar business. Directed by Rod Amateau (10220165)

12.20am Visions. Religious magazine series. Should prostitution and brothels be legalised? (r) (4272295)

12.50 Film: Stopover Forever (1964, bAv) starring Ann Bell and Anthony Bate. Thriller about an airline stewardess who lends her hotel room in Sicily to a friend for the night, only to find in the morning that the woman has been murdered. Her investigations into the death woman has been murdered. Her investigations into the death involve her in blackmall, smuggling and death. Directed by Frederic

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1.55 The Twilight Zone: Nightcrawlers. A tale of the supernatural, starring Scott Pauline (5734295)

2.15 Hollywood Report. The latest news from Tinseltown (51653)

2.45 America's Top Ten introduced by Casey Kasem (s) (50924)

3.15 Videofashion (13525340)

3.40 Quiz Night. Pub and club quiz (47941108)

4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville (s)
(1121276)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsdips (38852498) 5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (33740) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (71837). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (8443894) 9.25 Schools (43199633)

12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (15372).
12.30 Business Daity (67271) 1.00 Sesame Street (62726)
2.00 Firm Saturday's Children (1940, pAv) staring John Garbeig. Anne Shirley and Claude Rains, Drama about as impredical inventor who marnes an ambitious woman. The relationship goes on the rocks when lack of success leads to money problem: Directed by Vincent Sherman (928726) 3.55 Dardalos Arimatica from Czechoslovakia (r) (8650374)

4.90 Short Stories: Autumn on Pastor's Hill. Last Friday's profile of 70year-old Barbara Carpenter who, because or arthritis, har had to give up working on her Forest of Dean farm (233)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge Quiz (\$1/417)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Dr Isaoore Rosenfeld answer; questions about some of the commonest medical complaints. Russel Wild on the properties of aspirin, and Dr John Hartley Ir advises on breast implants (4151813)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (\$52271)
6.00 Kate & Allie. American comedy series starring lane Currin and Susan Saint James. (Teletext) (610)

6.30 The Best of the Word. Highlights from the recent series. Featuring Boy George, Sinead O'Connor, Jah Wobble, Denzel Washington and Family Stand (s) (962)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi (Teleteri) (980504) 7.50 Comment (199894) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside (13.49)



Irritating: Paul Morley yawns through the tedium (8.30pm)

 8.30 The Thing is . . . Boredom.
 CHOICE: A new duster of these peculiar little shows begins with Paul Morley attempting to prove that there is something interesting. about boredom. If you think that sounds like an unworkable idea for a programme, you'd be right, but nobody told our presenter that. So a programme, you'd be night, but nobody told our presenter that. So here he is digging his own grave and climbing into it. Rescuing the concept slightly are Claire Rayner being kind about Morley's boring masturbation habit, Ken Livingstone on his favourite theme of how "Thatcher was fun as well as being a horrendous psychopath" and Thora Hird being amusing about the tedium of washing up. Morley own "Insights" include: "I think there's a pure boredom that goes beyond being bored" — which only goes to show it's possible to be imitating and boring at the same time. (Teletext) (s) (3184) Dispatches.

CHOICE: Evalina Tshabalala lives in a tin shadr in a township outside Cape Town. She does a cleaning job in a shopping centre and sends half her earnings to her children living with her mother hundreds of miles away. She is also the fastest black long distance numer in South Africa. Tonight's Dispatches takes a realistic look at the countries companies. the country's preparations for the Olympic Games — it is competing for the first time in more than 30 years — and at the problems facing coloured people who wish to take part. At the heart of the film is Sam Ramsamy, who was brought back from 2" years of exile to select a multi-radial Olympic team, yet says he has recompred in government backing. "They think the chances of splotting short for their benefit are greater if I'm out of the way, he says bitterly of his adversaries (117078)

9.45 He Play: The Lounge Bar. A man and a woman meet for the first time in a seedy, waterfront bar during the 1970s. But is it really for he first time? (r) (697287)

10.00 The Golden Girls. More comedy from the Miami matrons (r).
(Teletext) (23349) 10.30 Sean's Show. Off beat humour from frish

cornedian Sean Hughes (s) (32097)

11.00 4-Play: Deptiford Graffiti. Wheelchair-bound George seems destined to paint garden gnomes for the rest of his life — until he meets the delicious Cherry. Starring Nabil Shaban and Sharon Majdon (n to 1710425) Maiden (r) (s) (719436)

12.10am Dick Spanner. Puppet private ey: senes (2268295)
 12.15 Half the Kingdom. The ongoing quest of seven lewish feminists in the process of discovering their place within Judaism (2511382).

# SATELLITE

SKY ONE ■ Via the Astra and Mancopole satisfies. 6.00am The Di Kart Show (76779813) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (3168146) 8.55 Lamb Chops Plays-Long (5050233) 9.30 The New Leave it to Beaver (94349) 10.00 The "Dealer Channel (12320 10.30 The 1 pure Docors (12007) 8.57 Pure 1 pure Docors Channel (1/20) 1839 (Ne 19un; 2000) (55962) 11.00 The Young and the Restles (63542) 12.00 Barnaby Jones (73900) 1.00pw E Street (47559) 1.30 Another World (6357813) 2.20 Sanita Barbara (54093271) 2.45 The Bold and the Beautiful (120707" 3.15 The Brady Bunch (110320) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (2545542) 5.00 Diffrent Strokes (2287) 5.30 Bewinched (6542) 6.00 Facis of Life (3455) 6.30 E Street (6942) 6.00 Facts of Life (3455) 6.30 E Street (4707) 7.00 Love at First Sight (9523) 7.30 Candid Camera (3691) 8.00 Bettlestar Galactica (34981) 9.00 Chances (21417) 10.00 Souts (70271) 10.30 Night Court (56691) 11.00 Tattinger's (51707) 12.00 Pages from Skytert

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(1959): Peter Cushing stars as Sherlock Holmes (2826-035)
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3.45 Space Firebird (28 7.35) (77616349)
6.15 A Reason for Living: The Jill Indiand Story (1991): Jill Clayburgh plays the late actress (245320)
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8.00am for Hockey: Germany v Finland (68523) 10.00 Eurogoats (52078) 11.00 Weightfilting (60982) 12.00 for Hockey: Sweden v Poland (58146) 2.00pm Morocross (74981) 3.30 for Hockey: USA v Germany (534184) 6.00 Boxing (38894) 7.00 for Hockey: Sweden v Italy (97523) 9.00 Eurosport News (53542) 9.30 Fronthalt Uefa Cup Final (88523) 11.00 Westsing (93707) 12.00 Eurosport News (43092) SCREENSPORT

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RADIO 1.

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(FM only): The Early Breakfast Show 6.00
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of four programmes on feelings and emotions, Mark Goodler looks at suiced 9.00 The Man
Excles Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am; Bob Hairris

RADIO 2

EM Sterea. 4.80mm Alex Laster. The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes. Good Morning UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Chris Stuart 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dundriford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dundriford 5.85hz: Second of a sur-part story 7.30 County Tales: Comwall (1 of 9) 8.00 150 Years of Punch (/) 9.00 Negel Ogden: The Organisz Emertains 9.45 Shall We Dance 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05mm Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Rule 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Nasir

RADIO 5

News and sport on the four until 7.90pm.
6.00am World Service: Neveriour 6.30 Juhn
Inverdale's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools:
Topic Resources 7-9; 9.15 Dance Workshop; 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Turre; 10.05
Drama Workshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Caron Keating with The AM Alternative 12.30pm
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sti-part adventure story 8.00 Champion Sport, with Jon Champion 10.10 Hit the North, Incl
11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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4.05 Stop The World — I Want To Get Off! (1966): Musical about the turbulent file of a middle-aged man (38639469)
8.00 The Wisard (as 10am) (97859675)
8.00 Love Hunts (1990): Members of a feucing family reunits for a weeking (30165)
10.00 Robot Jox (1990): Giant robots settle lemitorial disputes in the future (6857097)
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4.00 Survival Run (1977): War drame about the Dutch resistance (59479). Ends at 6.00
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THE MOVIE CHANNEL Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.05am The Housel of the Baskervilles (1959): Peter Cushing stars as Sherlock Holms (3626435)

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10.00am Getting Pit with Denice Austin (89252) 10.30 The Great American Gameshows (2205097) 11.28 What's New (1435679) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (3372271) 11.30 Sally Jessy Robael (279689) 12.45gm David Hamilton's Peuple (757875) 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (7135707) 2.95 Skyways (4472233) 3.05 Sels-Vision (5216875) 3.30 Cover Story (7813) 4.00 Tea Break (3910994) 4.10 Dick Van Dyke Show (696436) 4.40 The Great American Gameshows (3186184) 5.30 Sels-Vision (6184) 6.00 Remarkgron Steele (36489) 7.00 Sels-Vision (618423) 10.00 Iulebox Music Victors (4242726) 2.00am Last Juloebox Dance (34214)

MORLD SERVICE

All times in RST. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.50 News, and Press Review in German 5.30

Morgeningazin 5.20 Test für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.39 Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.39 Weather 7.00 World News 7.19 News about Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Development '92 9.00 World News 9.09 Worlds of Farth 9.15 Meri Facing Change 9.30 Ned Sherrin's Comtempoint 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report Line 10,15 Country Style 10.30 Counterpoint 10.00 World News 5.00 Report 10.10 News 5.00 Stylengary 11.01 Onlease 5.0 Counterpoint 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report Live 10,15 Country Style 10.30 Fear From the Book 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Londres Medi 11.45 Mittagsmagani 11.59 Business Update Rionan Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridiam 1,80 World News 1.09 News about Britam 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Whatever Happened To., 7 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Lord of the Files 3.45 A Month in the Country 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heutre Alcuell 5.00 World and British News 5.14 Travel News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heutre Alcuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.05 Outdook 8.00 Europe Tonight 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Assignment 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 Sports International 11.45 Sports Roundup Mildshight World News 12.05 Seam World Business Report 12.15 From Our Own Correspondent 12.30 Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Two Cheers for April 2.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 News 4.08 Worlds of Faith 4.15 Sports Roundup RADIO 3

6.55am Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Gluck
(Dance of the Blessed Spirits:
ECO under Raymond Leopard,
with William Bennett, flute);
Dowland (Flow not so fast, ye
fountains: Emma Kirkby,
soprano, Anthony Rooley,
lute); Handel (Concerto grosso
in D minor, Op 6 No 10: La
Grande Ecurie et la Chambre
du Roy under Jean-Claude
Malgore) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont);
Grieg (Holberg Suitz: Berlin PO
under von Karajan); Lisst
(Reminiscences of Don Juan;
Jorge Bolet, piano); Copland
(El salón México: Detroit SO
under Antal Dorati)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Weels:
Samuel Barber: Souvenirs, Op
28 (John Browning and
Leonard Slation, piano duet);
Four Songs, Op 13 (Roberta

Four Songs, Op 13 (Roberta Alexander, soprano, Tan Crone, plano); Violin Concerto (St Louis SO under Leonard

(St Louis SO under Leonard Statkin, with Elmar Oliveira, violin)

9.35 Midweek Choice: Samuel Wesley (Symphony No.6 in B flat: Milton Keynes CO under Hilary Davan Wetton); Kreisler (Liebeslied); Prokofiev, arr Herfetz (March from The Love of Three Oranges: Irchak of Three Oranges: Itzhak Periman, violin, Janet Goodman Guggenhei Goodman Guggenheim, piano); A. Scarlatti (Não tesoro, per te moro: Judith Nelson, soprano, Dennis Ferry, trumpet, Gordon Murray, organ, Jonathan Rubin, lute, Käthi Gohl, cello); Schubert (Sonata in C minor, D 958: Alfred Brendel, piano); Massenet (Scenes alsocennes: National Philhan Orchestra under Bonynge); Bloch (Nigun); Wieniawski, arr-Kreisler (Caprice in A minor: lizhak Perlman, violin, Janet Goodman Guggenheim, piano); Nicolai (Horch, die Lerche sing im Hain: Bavarian State Orchestra under Robert Heger, with Fritz Wunderlich, tenor); Oscar Straus (Serenade for Strings in G minor, Op 35: RIAS Sinfonietta under Starek); Tchaikovsky, arr Kreisler (Andarok caretalio); Ramaii

11.55 BBC Scottish 50 under Fedor Glushchenko performs Tchalkovsky (Symphonic faritasy, Francesca da Riminit); Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmilla; Tchernomor March, Overture and Dances, A Life

for the Tsar)
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall: Live from 1.05 Concert Hall: Uve from Broadcasting House, London. The plantst Caroline Palmer plays Schubert (Impromptu in F minor, D 935 No 1; Sonata in D, D 850) 2.00 Record Review (r) 3.10 Vintage Years: Sir Thomas Beecham and Sir Melcolm Sepect both celebrate their

Sargent both celebrate their birthdays today. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra performs Liszt (Symphonic performs Liszt (Symphonic poem, Orpheus: under Beecham); Dohnányi (Suize In F sharp minor: under Sargem)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge
5.00 Mussibas: The traditional Hungarian folk-band, live from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House London

the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, London
5.45 Mainly for Pleasture, with Andrew Green 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear, with David Roper
7.30 The Spectre's Bride: In a performance from the 1991 Proms, BBC Symphony Chorus; USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Choir, BBC SQ under Gennady Rozhdestvensky Chamber Choir; BBC SO under Gennady Rozhdestvensky performs Dovidestvensky performs Dovidest's Cartata (r)

9.00 Italian Politics in Turmoli:
Joe Farrell visits Milan and Rome to investigate a revolt against the political status quo

9.45 Beethoven: Sophle Rolland, cello, Marc-André Hamelin, piano, perform Sonata in Grintor, Op 5 No 2; Twelve Variations on "Ein Mädchen oder Welbchen" from Mozart's Die Zauberflote, Op 66

10.30 Music In Our Time: Earlier this year the drummer Eddie improvisations at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, with Paul Rutherford, trombone, Harrison Smith, saxophones/ bass clarinet, and Tony Moore cello 11.30 News Cello 11.30 Herws
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Week: Albeniz, Granados (f)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except if
Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

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YORKSHIRE As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (8650368) 6.00 Coast to Coast (368) 6.30-7.09 Biochbusters (320) 10.40 Michresk Sport (8852829) 11.55-12.50 Kojak (113981)

Mgm (5179295) 3.25 Music Box (2329108) 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder (7976932)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.70 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.43 Jogging Round
Majorca, by Gordon West.
Abridged and read by Leonard
Pearcey (3 of 8) (s) 8.58
Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00-10.30am News; Nearest and
Deprest (FM only): Fathers,
Anne Brown celebrates the
vagaries and dramas of family
itis (1 of 6) (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Biblis: Matthew, Read by
Derek Jacobi (6 of 10)
10.30 Woman's Hour; Libby

10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Spurrier investigates w boxers. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time:
Members of the Leeds Castle
and Hollingbourne Garden Society put their queries to the

experts (/)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Decline and Fall: The second of Jeremy Front's sixpart dramatsation of Evelyn part dramatsation of Evelyn Waugh's novel (s) 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Ghosts from the Past: A Warden for All Saints. Genry Innost's advertises of a sheet A Warden for All Saints. Geny Jones's adaptation of a short story by H.S. Bhabra. A defeated candidate in the election for the post of warden at an Oxbridge college seeks revenge through the supernatural. With Benjamin Whitrow and John Rowe (s) Timacine telepole.

2.47 Treasure Islands: Judy
Kampiner considers the cat in
children's literature (r)
3.00 File on Four: Stuart Simon reports (r)

3.42 Lost Village as: Nant Gwrtheym (3 of 6) (s) 4.00 News 5 Kaleidosopa reviews the week's new films, including Howard's End starring Anthony Hopkins; and talks to Zadok Ben-David about his

sculptures made from household objects (s) 4.45 Short Story: Bill Sprockett's Land, by Elizabeth Jolley, Read by Stan Pretty

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Brain of Britain 1992; Robert
Robinson chairs the general
knowledge contest (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Dear Martyn Skinner (FM

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7.20 Dear Martyn Skinner (FM only): The poets Roger Ellis and Martyn Skinner reflect on their friendship
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
7.45 8.00 Where's That Man
Going Mummy? (PM only): David Read talks about the eight years he spent on the open road

s.00 All in the Mind (r)

8.30 Trumpets and Foie Gras

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9.00 in Business: Dial "F" for Fraud. Peter Day investigates telephone pirates (s) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diamond of Research (s) 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Diamond of Research (s) 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The

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F. Scott Fitzgerald (3 of 5)
11.00 Carry On Up the Zeitgeist:
Edward Blishen recalls the year
1965 (r)
11.30 Charlie Was a Hero: The true
story of Charlie Cox, a cmema
projectionist, who parachuted
into occupied France during
the second world war (s) (r) the second world war (s) (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27

Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43

World Service (LW only)

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